

1870-016
Lee Co.

Chancery Causes. John Colson & vs. Henry Colson &

Shumate, Snellan, Percyfield, Hobbs, Hoskins, Orr, Richmond,
Graham, Hamblen, Harris, Wynn, Elliott, Bishop, Britain, Lorton,
Brent, Robinson, Shoemate, Crabtree, Fulton, McPherson, Ensor,
Pridemore, Carmark, Martin, Ball, McNeil, Tate, Roberts, Littrell,
Percifield

-Deed

Ch. Estate Dispute
T. Property
Slavery

To the honorable Judge of the Iowa circuit court
in chancery now sitting, your orators and oratrixes
John Colson Aney Colson and David Colson Rebeca
Shoemate late Colson who intermarried with Baileys
Shoemate, and also the said Baileys Shoemate
Rachael Snelling late Colson who married James
A Snelling, and her husband the said James
A Snelling the said David being an infant:
who sues in this cause, By John Colson his
next friend, Humbly complaining respectfully
represents to your honor, that they are the chil-
dren and heirs at law of Aney Colson Sr &
George B Colson, who were sons and heirs
at law of John Colson Sr, that their said
grandfather John Colson Sr died intestate
in this county in the year of 1860, leaving
your orators and oratrixes a part of his heirs
at law; he also left other heirs Trist Mm
Colson Henry Colson Mary Percifield late
Colson who married Mount Percifield
Thomas Colson Noel Colson David Colson
and James B Colson, he also left the
following other grand children his heirs
at law, who are the children of sons and
daughters of his that have died, Trist
Noel Colson, James Colson ^{Shoemate} late
who intermarried with Samuel Shoemate
Jot Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson
Elizabeth Colson, and Dinutha Hobbs
They further respectfully represent, that
their said grand father in his lifetime
owned a valuable tract of land in this

county near or at Walnut Hill, just before
his death his sons William and James, con-
siring to defraud him out of it, made him
drunk and procured him to convey it to them
for \$1000, a price greatly inadequate to its true
worth, they gave him their notes for the \$1000,
But never paid it. Their said grandfather
owned at his death also other property to wit
Six negroes four head of valuable horses worth
\$400, a number of cattle worth \$500, and 700
80 head of valuable hogs worth at least \$500, he
also owned house hold and kitchen furniture
farming utensils, worth in the aggregate
at least \$500, he had on hand at his death
money and choses in action but how
much money and what choses in action
or the value thereof, except what William
and James owed him for the land they
cannot tell. They further respectfully represent
to your honor, that after the death of their
said grandfather John Colson, his two sons
William Colson and James Colson
appeared before the proper court of Lee
county, and on their motion letters of
administration of all and singular
the goods & chattles rights and credits of
the decedent was granted to them, they
excepted the trust and in said court
entered into bond for the faithful
execution thereof with Charles Brittain
A. K. Brant & H. Robinson and H. F. Robinson as their
sureties, But for more and greater cer-

tainty the records of said court are referred
to as a part of this Bill. By which it will
more fully, and at large appear, a copy
of which in due time will be filed and
marked (A). They further respectfully
represent that the said William & James
Colson Admins as aforesaid took into
their possession all and singular the
goods & chattles rights and credits of the
decedent, sold or otherwise disposed of
the perishable property, hired out the negro
es at a large hire from year to year until
they were freed by the result of the late
war, collected all the debts or choses in
action due the estate, except the debt of
\$1000, on themselves for the land, and
the whole estate and proceeds thereof
they have applied to their private uses
they do not know whether they, ever
made an inventory of the estate or
not, but are advised they did not and
therefore charge that to be true, they
made from year to year large profits
- its on said estate, they are advised
the said Admins never settled or ac-
counted in any way for it and
they charge that fact to be true, they
also know & charge they were never paid
their distributable share of the same
they further represent and charge
a part of the land they by their fraudu-
lent practices and devices aforesaid

obtained from their father they, sold
to one George H. Hoskins who had full
notice at the time he purchased it of
them of the fraudulent means by which
they had obtained it, ^{a part of} the rest of said
Lorus is now in the possession of
James Colson, ^{a part} and belongs to the
estate of William Colson, who has
since died childless and unmarried.
William Colson's heirs are the same
as John Colson's heirs whose names
are correctly set out in this Bill and
need not be repeated again. The said
William died intestate in the year of
1864 and no one applying for adminis-
tration of his estate the same was com-
mitted to the sheriff of Lapeer County Tobias
Wesley Orr who had previously qualified
as sheriff and gave Bond as such
with M. D. Richmond, David Orr, Wm. H. Watson, Leander
Harrison, John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wyman,
David M. Orr, Wm. Elliott, Alexander Orr, ^{John H. Wyman, Isaac T. Bishop,} Ed. Bishop, as his
sureties. But for more certainty the
Bond of the said sheriff and order
committing the administration of
William's estate to him are here refer-
red to as parts of this Bill copies of
which in due time will be filed
and marked (B & C) by which it
will more fully and at large
appear. Your orators and counsel further
represents William died owner of a

considerable real and personal estate
situate in this county, Besides his lands
he owned 12 Steers one heifer one pair
of amirons one feather Bed, with the
necessary appendages a large amount
of corn wheat oats rye, hay and fodder
one scale one cow, also money and choses
in action, that the said sheriff has never
rendered any account for, he also owned
other personal property that the said
sheriff sold, he has rented, is and recieveth
the rents of the land, from year to year
since his appointment to administer
his estate, but has never settled his
accounts, or paid the distributees any
thing of said estate, your orators and
orators are remediless at the common law
in the premises and can only have relief
in your honorable court, where a full
and complete account can be taken
and found decreed, Thwarted and
relieved against, they therefore pray
your honor to take cognizance of their
cause and grant them relief, they
pray that the deed of their grandfather
John conveying the lands near val
mont hill to William & James
Colson be set aside & held for naught
and that the claim of William and
the said James ^{Colson} & George H. Hoskins
be held to an account for the rents
& profits and issues of said land

and that the administrators of the
said John or deceased be compelled to
account for the whole estate of said
decedent and the profits they have
made by the use of the same; and
that distribution thereof be decreed
& ordered amongst those entitled
thereto upon the execution of proper
returning bonds by the distributees
which your compliments here offers
to execute. That if the decree to
William & James for the value of the
lands is adjudged to be fraudulent &
set aside that the lands be partitioned
amongst those entitled thereto on equ-
itable principals, if not set aside
that the said James be compelled to
account for & pay over the \$1000 and
its interest they agree to pay for
it, as to the estate of their uncle
William they pray that the sheriff
or and his surties be compelled to
account for the same and pay over
to the distributees any excess beyond
what appears on such accounting
to be necessary to pay his debts and
the legal charges of administration
that his lands be partitioned
between those entitled thereto and
the debts profits and issues arising
from the same be accounted for
they pray for all such general &

special relief as their cause merits in
a court of equity. To that end they make
Henry Colson Mary Percifield and her husband
Mount Percifield, Thomas Colson Joel Colson
David Colson James B⁺ Colson, Joel Colson
James⁺ Colson Elizabeth⁺ Colson Shoemate
and her husband Samuel Shoemate
Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Floyd Colson
Elizabeth Colson, Timothy⁺ Shoemate
and James W⁺ Orr, and ^{M⁺ & R⁺ Richardson} ~~Shoemate~~
David Orr Joseph Abraham Champlin Hamilton John L. Harris
A K Brent & R Robinson & R Robinson
John P Orr Alexander Wyman David M Orr Wm Elliott Alexander
Orr Ed Bishop John Wyman & Isaac T Bishop
his surties as sheriff and

Chadwell Brittain A K Brent & Robinson and
H Y Robinson

The surties of the above William &
James Colson, and George H Hoskins
defendants to this Bill, and pray that
they be compelled to answer the same as
fully and completely as if set out
by way of special interrogatories, and
may it please your honor to award
them the commonwealths writ of spa-
ciam mandam^{us} &c, and as in duty
bound they will ever pray &c,

Burns & Wood
For Compliments

John Colson et al

vs Rice in chg

Harry Colson et al

Colin \$ 21.41

Att 15.00

2 Sheriff 36.00

Comm 12.00

Ch. A. Sitter 5.00

W. O. and Pub. 26.00

1 P. for Def. 8.35

2 Const for S. 4.60

128.35

1840
John Colson et als.

vs. } Bill in Chancery.

Henry Colson et als.

1866 Jan - Bill Filed & Decree nisi & Rescued
Defendants, and Continued

Decr. Decree nisi & Rescued, as to Rescued
and continued as to the Defendants

1867 January Rules - Continued

February Amended Bill Filed, &

Order Publication against the Defendants

March Continued for Publication

April Pub. by the Decree nisi & Rescued

June Decree nisi & Rescued, as to Rescued

June Answer of J.B. Colson to amended

Bill filed & Continued

July - H.L. Bridgman appointed Guardian
for John Thomas, Flora and Elizabeth Colson and

Timothy Hobbs Infant Ditts in this cause & Con-

ting. Aug. of Decree nisi & Rescued

Sept. - Cause set for hearing by the Judge

1867 July Term - Continued

1868 April Decree for Account

1868 Sept. Continued

1869 April Decree & Continued

Sept. Continued

1870 Dismissed at J.B. Colson's Costs & costs

Virginia Lee circuit court writ

To the honorable Judge of the Lee circuit court
in chancery now sitting. The amended Bill
of John Colson Arrey Colson David Colson
Rebecca Shoemate Baileys Shoemate Rachael
Snelling & James & Snelling, to their original
Bill heretofore filed in this honorable court
against Henry Colson and others defendants
named in the said original Bill, without
waiving any thing contained or alleged in
their original Bill But hereby reiterating
the same, Except so far as this amendment
states facts inconsistent with the same. These
complainants Begs Leave to amend their said
original Bill as follows. They charge that
at the time and Long before John Colson
Sr made the deed conveying the Land to Will-
iam & James Colson referred to in the origi-
nal Bill, he said John by age and disease
was so impaired in his rational faculties
as not to possess a mind legally capable of
making a valid contract, and that the
said deed to James & William is therefore
null & void, and should be so held and pro-
nounced by your honor. They further repre-
sent and charge that John Colson Sr in his
lifetime had given by way of advancement
to his sons John Colson, Thomas Colson, James
B Colson William Colson & Henry Colson and
his daughter Mary Percifield, and ^{his sons} David
Colson & Joel Colson Lands money Slaves
& other personal property, the precise amount
of Land, money Slaves or personal property

given to each of them they cannot state
be never give to your complainants or their
ancesters any thing by way of advancement
they therefore pray that in the division of
the residue of the estate of John Colson or
amongst those entitled thereto that your
complainants be equalized with those children
who have been advanced, and that those
children who have been advanced, be compelled
to answer and discover, what they received
of their father John Colson by way of advance-
ment, whether land, shares personal
property or money how much and of
what value, and that they be compelled
to bring it into such proper account with
the other estate of the decedent before they
be allowed to participate in the division
they pray as in their original,

Burns & Wood

John Colson et al
vs { amended
Bill

Henry Colson et al

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North Carolina
County of ...
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to the bill of Complaint exhibited against him &
then in this Honorable Court by John ...

This Defendant having received a ...
... the ... of the ...
... as he ...
... own knowledge as to ...
... of the ...
... whether it is fair & bright or
fraudulent & dishonest. He ...
John Nelson ... at or near the time in the bill
mentioned, and that it is ...
He ... is the ... of the ...
... died ... as stated
in the bill. Defendant is aware (or he knows nothing
of the manner in which the ...
discharged their duty) that he is sufficient for his ...
as to his administration ...
... has no interest or ...
... in any other branch of the bill.

Defendant being ... of ...
... the ...
... of ...
... 1866 ...
...
...
... of all the personal property & choses in

in view of the said estate, a copy of which is
 herewith filed marked "E". Respondent is a
 & duly qualified a sale of the said real estate
 as early a date as he can consistently with the duties of the County
 to be made as aforesaid, and made on the
 day of March (1866), a copy of the sale will
 be filed of record, marked "F". The purchaser
 of the said real estate, a credit of one month, and until payment
 is made being reserved of all taxes and assessments
 which may be levied on the said real estate, and as to the
 same, as to the said respondent as he was appointed
 and promptly & diligent search for all persons
 properly interested in the said real estate - and the above
 is the result of his search, as to the said real estate, it is
 that there is no person who has any claim or interest
 in the said real estate, after the expiration
 of three years, and he is advised as to whether he should
 make a return of the said real estate to the Court, and
 is advised that he might do so or not as he sees fit,
 but that he should not assume possession or any interest
 in the said real estate until he has been legally authorized
 by a decree of the Court to do so, and he is advised
 that James S. Smith, an agent of the
 said real estate, has a lease of the said real estate
 for one year commencing on the 1st day of
 January 1866, for \$35, and that he is
 advised that it is necessary
 to answer, & expressly denying all matter
 claiming, or claiming to be independent, or in which he has any
 interest, or which is in any manner connected with the
 said real estate, and that he has been denied, admitted
 or avoided, and that he has been dismissed with his reasonable
 costs & charges.

James S. Smith
 Agent of the said real estate

This is the result of his search

Subscribed before me by the collector this 5th day
 of April 1867.
 Henry J. Mulligan, Clerk
 of the County of Jefferson

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James H. Carr
ad. ^(over) ~~in~~ ~~the~~
John Gibson & The
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To the Hon. John A. Campbell judge of  
the Circuit Court of Lee County.

The answer of John Leolson, Thomas Leolson,  
Lora Leolson, Elizabeth Leolson, and  
Timothy Hobbs infants defendants to the bill  
filed in this court by John Leolson et al  
against these defendants et al, by  
A. L. Pridemore their guardian ad litem,  
Respondent saving the benefit of all just  
and proper exceptions to said bill.

For answer says that he cannot gainsay  
the facts set forth in said bill nor have  
his said wards at law informed him of  
anything which contradicts the statements  
therein. But as they are of tender years and  
not competent to fully understand their  
legal rights; he throws them upon this ~~last~~  
Court for protection, the peculiar guardian  
of infants; and asks that the pl. ff be  
held to strict proof of all matters set forth  
in his pleadings, which might have a  
tendency to prejudice these infants.

And having now answered all that  
it is material to answer prays hence  
to be dismissed of costs.

See p 50



A. L. Dickmeyer  
Guardian ad litem

Answer

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This was filed at Aug  
Rules 1867.

H. J. Morgan

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of record in the books of the county of Lee County, to which deeds reference is hereby specially made, your Petors and his deceased brother William are the owners of portions of this large tract of land by deeds to the same from their father the said John Colson in his lifetime, and after of said deeds will be hereafter filed and recorded respectively (1 & 2) This eighty three acre parcel by John Colson a short time before his death and reference to in said deeds consists of a narrow strip of land lying between your Petors land and the lands of his brother William, therefore derived from their father and was of little or no value to the said John Colson or to any one else except your Respondent and his brother William; except a small portion that joined George H. Hastings, consisting of some 17 acres or thereabouts, which his said brother sold and conveyed to the said Hastings in his lifetime. Your Respondent excepted since the charge of some contained in said bill is false against himself and his brother William in regard to the purchase of this land. As regards the charge that his Respondent and his brother William made their father drunk and procured the conveyance aforesaid this Respondent and his brother deny that charge, that said allegation is wholly and richly false. This Respondent alleges that the contract between him and his brother William, with his father, which contract is evidenced by deed of record in the

court office of the county of Lee, which is to be with exhibited marked 3, was a simple contract founded upon a valuable consideration and was entirely free from fraud, and that since John Colson was entirely in his right mind in the full possession of all his faculties and was sane and alert one year before his death that the said John Colson never accepted of it during his lifetime and never expressed any dissatisfaction with it and that he did not state that for years preceding his death he had contracted with the Respondent and his brother William to supply all their father's wants when he was ill and was confined in his bed and without ever dreaming of making a charge for said services, then rendered. He says that Respondent and his brother executed to their father two notes of \$500.00 each, said tract of land, which the father sold and was worth a fair price for it. Two hundred said notes are still unpaid. In reply to the charge of said bill that their father left claims due to him and his brother mentioned in the bill the Respondent says it is untrue and that he states that he returned to the clerk of the county a true and correct inventory and sale bill of the personal estate of his father both of which are of record in the court office of the county of Lee, and that the same will be exhibit with the answer. It seems necessary to say that the Respondent and William are



of which is alleged to be the result of the  
requirement that the property of the estate should be sold  
at the present of the estate, further directed  
how to be sold when a credit of twelve months  
thereby come with apparent security from  
the mortgage, which binds your Respondent as  
surviving administrator still holds him as  
willing to receive and distribute money in payment  
of same & the end of which is now proven  
to be wrong of the stay case.

In regard to the negro spoken of in 1863 the  
Respondent says here to state that the said  
negroes consisted of a negro man, a woman  
and a few small children that the negroes  
were run over in September 1863 and  
left the woman and children as a charge  
on Respondent's hands which he was then  
and supported - at his own expense until  
they were emancipated by a Southern  
man. He is therefore indebted to whom are  
known whose compensation would be due  
under this charge. The negroes were never  
missed and because at the time they were  
integrated into the community the law was open  
and it was as much as they could do  
to be kept in the hands of the Respondent.

Your Respondent expressly denies that  
as administrator he ever has in his  
possession of the said John Colson  
or that he ever received any profits  
arising from use or occupation in  
virtue of any such power.

The Respondent no settlement of the  
estate of John Colson has never  
been made by the administrator  
has already been sufficient to show



and this Respondent respectfully requests  
you to excuse of gratulation rather  
than complaint upon the part of the  
distributors.

Your Respondent will state that after he  
and his brother William, purchased the  
3 acres of land from their father the  
divided it between themselves and the  
Respondent is now in possession  
in the town of it under and by the  
deed to some from his brother  
and son-in-law William Colson.

This Respondent having received a copy  
Bill as fully as he is advised it is his  
for him to answer and reply to  
all material allegations contained therein  
not heretofore denied or admitted or  
provided ways to be here dismissed  
with his costs in this behalf as in and  
about the same.

Done, at New York, this 1st day of

November 1866.

for the

Respondent

November 1866.

Henry J. Van Hook.



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to  
John ...

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To the Hon. Jas. A. Campbell Judge &c  
Circuit Court of La. County

The separate answer of James B. Colson to the <sup>amended</sup> Bill of Complaint Exhibited in this Court by John Colson & others against this Respondent.

Respondent demurs to said amended Bill & says the same is insufficient in law. Wherefore &c.

And if any additional or further answer be necessary, this Respondent, saving & reserving all just exceptions to the many errors both of law & fact contained in said Bill, for answer thereto or to so much thereof as he is advised it is material for him to answer, answering says: So far as Compel is in their Amended Bill reiterates the allegations of their Orig: Bill, so far does Respondent beg to refer Your Honor for answer thereto to Respondent's former answer.

To the Charge of the Amended Bill is to the effect That John Colson father of Resp<sup>t</sup> was incapable mentally of making a valid deed, Respondent answers by direct & positive denial. Said John Colson at the time he executed said deed was nearly or quite ninety years of age & was of course not in the full and vigorous enjoyment of his faculties as he had been years before. He was an old fashioned back-woods man, of some eccentricities that increased with his age. He was a baptist by profession much given to reading the sacred Scriptures and remarkable for the fullness & accuracy of his memory on subjects & passages of the Scriptures, considering the circumstances & condition in life &c



At times he was very jovial & jocular, always cheerful, amiable & even-tempered. And although he ceased to take an active interest in the accumulation or care of property after he had made to his children the various conveyances which appear in this suit: yet his mind was clear & his judgment sound.

The only advancement ever made by his father to this Respondent was ~~Six~~ hundred dollars (\$500) - the consideration of a tract of land conveyed by deed a copy of which is herewith filed, marked "G" - made by the old man on the day it bears date, acknowledging the receipt of the purchase money, \$500.

Atg. Morgan Clerk



<sup>El. 7th</sup>  
James B Colson  
ad. 3 Answer to Amended Bill  
John Colson to them

1867. June Rules. This answer filed



Colson vs Colson Amdc

This day comes the parties and the pfs herein  
moved the court to correct a clerical error  
appearing in the former decree of the court in  
this case. It is said former decree of the  
court was as follows: The court in Colson vs  
Colson ordered that the plaintiff should pay the  
costs of the defendant James Colson, and the  
costs of the plaintiff. The court in its  
former decree entered their appearance to said  
decree and the court with reference to  
the fact that the parties are herein  
before removed to pay as is the case  
James Colson with the costs. It is set aside  
and a new decree is entered and it is now decreed  
that the parties are herein  
James Colson their costs in this case  
expressed as the parties are herein  
and the case is struck from the  
the court.



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Entered June 4<sup>th</sup> 1870.  
C. 13. 120. 121.

J. M. W. S. C. C.

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John A. Hill

June 4-70



March 10 1885

Dear Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of a certain quantity of goods from the undersigned. The undersigned is a dealer in such goods and is pleased to inform you that the same can be procured at a price not less than the price named in your letter.

I have also the honor to inform you that the undersigned is not prepared to make any discount on the price named in your letter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. H. Smith

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the purchase of a certain quantity of goods from the undersigned. The undersigned is a dealer in such goods and is pleased to inform you that the same can be procured at a price not less than the price named in your letter.

I have also the honor to inform you that the undersigned is not prepared to make any discount on the price named in your letter.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Yours,  
J. H. Smith

until paid











John Colson, et al

vi  $\frac{2}{3}$  Decree

Henry Colson et al

Entered O. B. 26



John M. Colson }  
 Anna Colson }  
 David Colson }  
 and other }  
 { 3 }  
 James B. Colson }  
 and others }  
 } in the Chancery Court  
 of Lee County State of  
 Virginia depositions  
 of Job B. Brattee and  
 J. J. Sutton witnesses  
 for plaintiff in the  
 above cause taken  
 upon notice on the 16<sup>th</sup>  
 day of November 1867  
 at Wheeler B. Ball  
 Store the said witnesses

of lawful age and first being duly sworn  
 depose the word saith as follows

1<sup>st</sup> question by plaintiff

was you or was you not acquainted with  
 John Colson sen and how long  
 and by witness

I was acquainted with the old man Colson  
 some twenty five or thirty years

2 question by same

During the latter part of his life do you  
 believe that he was in his right mind and  
 capable of doing business

and by witness I can not say whether he  
 was or not I have seen him at times  
 when he seems to have as good a mind  
 as most of men of his age and at other  
 times not.

3 question by same

Did you hear James John or Thomas Colson  
 say that it was a written contract he  
 twisted them and the old man Colson that  
 they were not to sell the land that he



deeded to them untill the wres of the  
heirs was made equal with them  
ans by witness

I hear James B Colson last spring a  
year <sup>ago</sup> say that their <sup>1<sup>st</sup></sup> a written contract  
between him John Thomas and  
the old man Colson and that  
contract was on record and that  
was bound by it not to sell the land  
till the rest of the heirs was made  
equal to the amount of of each of their  
land and he had that contract  
now in his possession and he on  
that not one of the rest of heirs had  
any idy that he had it  
4<sup>th</sup> ques by same

Do you believe the negroes that James B  
Colson had in <sup>that their labor</sup> his possession, was worth  
their expenses

ans by witness

a. Grant after the time that he'd for  
something, more but after the war  
advanced and by Lincons proclaim  
the negro free I would say that that  
was an expense

1<sup>st</sup> question by Defendant

Do you now of your self that there  
ever was a written contract ever between  
Harther John Thomas and my self.

ans I do not only as you told me  
and further this deponent saith not

A. J. Fulton

2<sup>nd</sup> witness Jc  
1<sup>st</sup> <sup>question</sup> by Plaintiff

-was you or was not acquainted with John  
Colson sen and how long  
answer by witness

I was well acquainted with John Colson sen for  
thirty years and upwards  
2<sup>nd</sup> question by same  
was you at John Colson's the day this deed spoken  
of was made for the remand of ~~this~~ John Colson  
land

ans by witness

I was not

3<sup>rd</sup> ques by same

Do you believe that John Colson sen was in  
his proper mind a year before he died  
with the exception of being under the influence of  
Liquor at times he was as reasonable as man of  
his age

4<sup>th</sup> ques by same

did you know of any <sup>other</sup> man of his age  
answer

I supposed that William Layens is as old a man and  
Layens is yet a live

5<sup>th</sup> question by same

did you or did <sup>you</sup> not hear the old man Colson  
say that he intended for his children to all have  
an equal share of his estate

ans by same

I have heard him say that he did that some of his  
children had moved off and that he intended the  
negroes for them



6<sup>th</sup> ques by same

don't you believe the land that he sold to William and James B. Colson is worth more than one thousand dollars

ans by same

from my knowledge of <sup>the</sup> Land I suppose it to be worth 20 thousand dollars or upwards and further this deponent saith not

John B. Coatsworth

The taking of these depositions is adjourned until the 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 1867. To wit 16<sup>th</sup> 1867 at the Store House of Wheeler & Bull } col. S. Bull, J. O

Pursuant to the adjournment ~~of~~ proceed to ~~take~~ the deposition of Samuel McPherson

1<sup>st</sup> ques by ~~plaintiff~~

Do you or do you not believe the land that James B. Colson and William E. Colson purchased from John Colson, sen<sup>r</sup> was worth twenty dollars an acre

ans by witness

I do believe it to be worth twenty dollars an acre

2<sup>nd</sup> ques by same

did you hear the old man John Colson say he sent money and how much to David and Charles Colson in Missouri

ans by same

I heard him say he sent some money but don't know how much



5th  
3 yestion by some

Did you ever hear the old man Colson  
say his children should have an equal shere  
of his Estate

answer by some

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and putter this deponent faith not

Samuel M. Pherson

the foregoing deposition were taken by me  
as stated in the caption and Reduced  
to writing by me and J. G. certify that  
I am not interested the said cause nor  
counsel to either of the parties and that  
I sealed them up and put them in the  
post office without being out of my posses-  
sion or altered of ter they were taken  
given under my hand and sealed this  
December 28th 1867

C. M. S. Ball, J. P.



~~James~~ Volson et al

vs. <sup>3</sup>Depositions

~~James B. Volson et al~~

~~Received Sealed and~~

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John. Colson  
 Ary. Colson  
 David. Colson  
 Rebecca. Shumate  
 Bailey Shumate  
 Rachel Snellen  
 James. H. Snellen

VS  
 James. B. Colson  
 James. W. Orr  
 and others

on the Circuit Court  
 of Lee County State of  
 Virginia the Deposition  
 of Thomas J. Fridemore  
 Thomas W. Brent. John  
 Brent. Thomas P. Enson  
 and Wily. Carmack  
 witnesses for defendant  
 in the above cause taken  
 upon notice on the 14th.  
 day of August 1868 at  
 James. B. Colson residence  
 taken in the presence of  
 Ary. Colson one the Plaintiffs the said  
 witnesses of lawful age first being  
 duly sworn depose that as follows

1 question by Defendant

Do you know the land purchased by James. B. Colson and  
 William E. Colson of John Colson and supposed to be One hundred  
 acres.

Answer

I know the land described above tolerably well  
 q. 2 What do you think said land worth at that time  
 of said purchase & what could it be sold for now

Ans. I think that one thousand Dollars would have been a fair  
 valuation for said land at the time of the purchase, but  
 what it is worth now it would be hard to tell. It might  
 be worth as much now as a thousand dollars to men  
 that live near to it, but owing to the hardness of  
 times I doubt whether or not it could be sold  
 for that amount



3<sup>rd</sup> Question

What do you know about the old man John Colson Sr. being out of his proper mind from liquor or other causes during his last days.

Ans

Tho I lived near the old Gentlemen for some years yet I knew but little about the state of his mind in any way or from any cause whatever from the fact that I was never in the old mans camp any very much during my acquaintance with him and so if his mind was impaired I do not know it or if it was not impaired I do not know it

~~1<sup>st</sup> question~~

1 question by Plaintiff

do you believe the negroes that John E. Colson had in their possession was worth their expenses

and in times when negroes could be forced to labour I think they would have been worth expenses

By defendant

Do you know that I hired said negroes

Ans I do not know who hired the negroes

and further this deponent saith not  
Thos. P. Enson

1<sup>st</sup> Question by defendant.

was you or was you not acquainted with John Colson Sr.

Answer. I was

2<sup>nd</sup> question how long was you acquainted with him before his death.

answer I was acquainted with him about thirty years

3<sup>rd</sup> question

During that time how far did you live from him

Ans not exceeding five miles

2<sup>nd</sup> question during that time did you or do you not think that the old man John Colson Sr. was or was not in his proper mind

Ans. I do think he was in his proper mind

3<sup>rd</sup> question when or eight months before his death did you or not think that he John Colson Sr.

was capable of making a good and valid contract

Ans. I do

6<sup>th</sup> question you acquainted with the land that James B. & Wm. C. Colson purchased from John Colson Sr. some eight months before his death, it being the remainder of his land

Ans. I have been over the land that was said to be the land that was purchased by them

6<sup>th</sup> question do you or not think that One thousand dollars was a large price for said land

Ans. I ~~do~~ think it was

1 question Plaintiff

was you or was you not over the portion of land that George N. Hoskins purchased from William C. Colson

Ans I have been over it since he sold it

2 question do you believe that portion of the land was worth as much an acre as any portion of the land that John Colson Sr. owned  
Ans I think it was



3 question

do you believe that portion of land  
purchased by Hosters from Wm. C. Colson  
was worth twenty dollars an acre  
and I think not

and further this deponent saith no.

Thomas J. <sup>his</sup> Pridemore  
march

1<sup>st</sup> Question by Defendant.

Was you acquainted with John Colson senr. and if so  
how long,

Ans. I was acquainted with the old man  
Colson about six years before his death

2<sup>nd</sup> question by same

how far did you live from him during that time  
and hardly a quarter of a mile

3<sup>rd</sup> question by Dept.

during that time six years did you or not  
frequently visit the old man John Colson senr.

Ans. I did

4<sup>th</sup> question by same

do you or do you not think that he was all the time  
during your acquaintance in his proper mind and  
would talk freely on farming and scripture with as  
much judgment as any man of your acquaintance  
and of his age.

Ans. I do I see no change in his mind during  
my acquaintance with him.

5<sup>th</sup> question by same

Was you acquainted with or no <sup>with</sup> the land that James B.  
Colson & Wm. C. Colson purchased from John Colson senr.  
same eight months he for ~~the~~ draft.

Ans. I am



5.  
6<sup>th</sup> question by same.

do you think that One thousand Dollars was at the time the said land was purchased the full value of said land.

Ans. I do think it was the full value  
7<sup>th</sup> question by same

Is not a great portion of this <sup>old</sup> land very rocky,  
Ans. it is very rocky

1<sup>st</sup> question by Plaintiff

what year was it you went to Tenn  
to live

Ans I believe it was in fifty nine

2<sup>nd</sup> ques

did you or did you not make that your home  
and I made it my home while there

3<sup>rd</sup> ques

did you or did you not stay in Tenn  
twelve months during your time there  
and first and last I did

4<sup>th</sup> question

did you or did you not live in one  
quarter of an acre during the six years of your  
acquaintance <sup>with</sup> of John Bolson <sup>sen</sup> deceased  
and I did but was backwards and forwards  
to my daughters in Tenn

5<sup>th</sup> question

did you or did you no hear John Bolson <sup>sen</sup>  
say he wanted all of his children to have an  
Equal share of his estate

and I dont recollect of his having any such  
talk to me



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Q question

was you or was you not acquainted with the portion of land that the old man bolson deeded to his son William and James B bolson and was it as good land, <sup>as the remainder</sup> of the old man bolson's farm and a small portion

7 question

was you living at your daughters mays hills at the time the old man bolson deeded this land to his sons James & William E. bolson

and I dont recollect

8 question

were you here when the old man bolson died

and I was not

9 question

where were you living at that time and I was living in Tennessee but was here about three weeks before the old man bolson died

10 question by defendant

Did you or did you not consider the Walnut Hill farm your home ever since you purchased that land

and I certainly did

and further this deponent saith not

Thos V. Brunt

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1st question by defendant

was you acquainted with John Colson Sr who lived near Walnut Hill and died in Octr. 1860.

Ans. I was

2 question how long was you acquainted with him <sup>before his death</sup> and how long far. do you. or did you live from him

Ans. About six years I lived in about a quarter of a mile of him

3rd during that time. do you or do you not think that the old man John Colson Sr. possessed his proper mind or as much so as any man of his age. in your knowledge.

Ans. I think he did

4th Did you not frequently see the old man J. Colson or for the last six years previous to his death.

Ans. I saw him often more or less every week

5th Were you acquainted with the land or the remainder of the old man John Colson Sr. land that he sold to his sons James & Wm. E. Colson

Ans. I am acquainted with the land that James B Colson took me around and that he said was the land

6th question do you think that One Thousand dollars was the full value of the land purchased from John Colson Sr. by his sons James B. & Wm. E. Colson

Ans. I think it was the value of the land

7th question is not a great portion of the land above spoken of berry rocky and nearly destitute of timber

Ans. It is berry rocky and not much timber



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1 question by Plaintiff

were you or was you not absent from home eight days at one time during the six years while you lived at the walnut Hill farm  
ans I have been absent eight days

2 question

don't you believe that old man Colson was the oldest man in the neighbourhood  
ans

he was the oldest man in the neighbourhood that new of  
and further this deponent saith not

John McBaent

1<sup>st</sup> question by Defendant

Was you acquainted with John Colson ever heard in spoken of. And if so how long was you acquainted with him before his death. and how far have you ~~lived~~ lived from him during that time

ans I was verry well acquainted <sup>with him</sup> some three or four years before his death I have ~~never~~ lived further than four miles from him during that time and one year of the time on a portion of his old farm

2 question - did you or did you not during your acquaintance with the old man consider him to be a man of very sound mind for a man of his age.

ans I did

3<sup>rd</sup> Question by defendant

Are you or are you not acquainted and acquainted with the land spoken of which was



purchased from John Colsum sr. by his sons  
James B. & Wm. C. Colsum

Ans. I have been over the land often and  
worked the most of the land in cultivation.  
4<sup>th</sup> Question by same.

do you or do you not think that One Thousand  
dollars is the full value of the said land now  
in controversy

Ans. I am not judgenough to say what the  
land was worth

5<sup>th</sup> is or is not the greatest portion of that  
land very rocky and nearly destitute of  
timber.

Ans. it is so  
and further this deponent saith not  
Thely <sup>his</sup> x Carmack  
mark

The foregoing deposition were taken by me as above  
stated in the caption and reduced to writing and  
I certify that I am not interested in the <sup>said</sup> cause nor  
connected to either of the parties and that I sealed  
them up and put them in the post office with  
out being out of my possession or being altered  
after they were taken given under my hand  
and sealed this August 17<sup>th</sup> 1867

c H. S. Ball, J. P.

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John Colson & others.

vs Deposition.

Henry Colson & others

Received Sealed the 20th day  
of August 1861 and filed the  
same day -

Henry J. Morgan, Clk



# The depositions of

Taken

In pursuance to a notice herein enclosed and to adjournment to the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1867 at the Office of William Burns in the Town of Jonesville Lee County Virginia To be read as evidence in behalf of the Complainant in a certain suit in Chancery now pending in the Circuit Court of Lee County wherein John Colson Aray Colson David Colson Balis Shumate Rebecca his wife James F Snelling Rachel his wife are Complainants and Henry Colson James B Colson Thomas Colson Mary Percyfield Mount Percyfield Noel Colson David Colson Noel Colson Jr James Colson Eliza Ann Shumate Samuel Shumate John Colson and others are defendants.

William S Martin a witness of lawful age after being first duly sworn deposes and saith

Question by Plaintiff

Did you or not know John Colson or died  
Ans I was tolerably well acquainted with said Colson from the year 1845 up to 1859

Question 2<sup>d</sup> do you know when said Colson died  
Ans I do not only by information from which he died in the latter part of the year 1859 or 60

Question 3<sup>d</sup> Do you or not know his age

Ans My information is that he was near 90 years of age and of my own knowledge he was a very old man

Question 4<sup>th</sup> Do you or do you not know anything about <sup>James</sup> John Colson or died dividing two Tracts of land which was the remainder of his Walnut Hill farm or a part of the homestead to his sons William and John Colson about the year



Ans I donot only from information received from James Colson & I think from Mr. Allen ~~that~~ which information was that James Colson had bought said lands from his Father I know nothing of myself of Conveyance by said Duration 5<sup>th</sup> Did you or did you not know whether

John Colson or decd was for three or four years before his death in a proper state of mind ~~and~~

~~to~~ To make a deed or transact any business

Ans The last years of his life embracing the years 57-8-9

when I saw him which was frequently I did not consider him Capable to transact business

Question 6

1<sup>st</sup> Cross Examined

Question What are your reasons for stating that in your opinion John Colson decd was incompetent to transact any business

Ans I considered his mind impaired from the fact of his incapability seemingly to settle business with me as Shury and his conversation was not satisfactory

Ans I thought from his <sup>manner</sup> conversation at times that his mind was considerably impaired All the business I ever had with the old man was in the collection of Taxes at times he did not seem to realise what it meant

2<sup>d</sup> Question by same

Was he a widower during the time you spoke of, with whom did he live and who seemed to have the principal care of him  
Ans He was a widower at said time & Mr. his son was living with him & seemed to have the principle care of him

Question by same

How far did you reside from John Colson during the time of which you spoke and how often did you see him during the course

of the year

Ans I lived 28 miles and ~~probably~~ saw him as often as five or six times ~~per~~ probably of times during each of the years 57-8 During the year 1839 I saw him ~~as often~~ as two or three times

Further this deponent sayeth not

Wm. J. Trustin

Richard C. Ball another witness of lawful age after being first duly sworn deposes and saith  
Question by Counsel Did you or did you not know John Colson or decd if you please state how long you knew him previous to his death

Ans I knew him all my life or at least twenty years Do you or do you not know anything about the said John Colson's deeding some land to William and James Colson his sons in the years 1837 and 1860

Ans I donot of my own knowledge but heard from others that they had bought of the old man  
Question please state the contents of the said paper or in a body that was said to have been bought from John Colson by James William Colson  
Ans

Question Did you or did you not know whether John Colson or was in a proper state of mind to do business for some two or three <sup>def. to myself</sup> years before his death. (Question objected to by)

Ans I donot think he was my reason for thinking so was from passing there say in the morning the old man would ask my name, again he would ask the same question when I would call in the evening The old man would ask the above named question in



Two hours absence though I had been acquainted with him  
all my life

Cross Examined. Quest. 1.

How old are you

Aus. — 28 years

Quest. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Was it not an <sup>eccentric</sup> habit of the old  
man to ask his friends jokingly when  
he met them, for their names.

Aus. I do not know that it was

Quest. 3<sup>d</sup>. When was it that you were passing  
back & forth by the old man's house and  
saw him so often

Aus. It was some time <sup>between the year</sup> ~~in the year~~  
Eighteen hundred & fifty and ~~1856~~ <sup>1857</sup> Eighteen hundred & sixty

Quest. 4 Did you see him frequently before that  
time.

Aus. I did as often as one dozen times or  
often in one year

Quest. Had you not removed with your father  
to Kentucky to live a year or two prior to  
1850, & how often did you see the old man  
between the time you removed to Kentucky  
and the year 1850?

Aus. I think I had removed to Ky  
in 1848 or 1849. I saw him while living in  
Kentucky as often as three or four times a year

Further this deponent sayeth not

I Certify that the foregoing depositions of Wm S. Martin { Richard C. Ball  
and Richard C. Ball was taken sworn to & subscribed by the before  
named deponents before me on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of April 1867 Pursuant  
to notice at the time & place and for the purposes mentioned in the  
Caption Magistrates fees, 50 paid W. Woodward, J. P.



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The deposition of Richard Crabtree  
J. B. Crabtree Balis Little Eliza Colson  
J. J. Hulton Mary Colson John Horton  
Anderson Little Jessy Tate George Colson  
William McNeal Mathew Roberts taken  
pursuant to notice herein enclosed before  
M. S. Ball a Justice of the peace in and  
for Lee County in the State of Virginia  
at the ~~late residence~~ house of Margaret S.  
Ely the late residence of R. M. Ely deceased  
on the 8th day of April 1847  
(in the County of Lee and State of Virginia)  
to be read as evidence on behalf of the  
complainants in the trial of the suit  
in chancery pending in the Lee circuit  
court wherein John Colson & Mary Colson  
David Colson Balis Shemate Rebecca his  
wife James H. Snelling Rachael his wife  
are complainants and Henry Colson  
James B. Colson Thomas Colson Mary  
Percyfield Mount Percyfield & Rael Colson  
David Colson Rael Colson, jun. James  
Colson Eliza Shemate Samuel Shemate  
John Colson and others are defendants  
The said witnesses of lawful age being duly  
sworn depose and say as follows

1<sup>st</sup> Question.

Do or do you not know whether the old man John Colson Sr. was  
or was not in his right mind when he made a deed for the land  
meaning the remainder of his land.

Answer, By Witness. I think his mind and memory had very  
much failed him.

2<sup>nd</sup> Question. do or do you not know about the Negroes being hired  
and to whom they were hired



Answer By witness. I think they were here either to James B. Colson or to William B. Colson.

Question 1<sup>st</sup> By Left. Do you know the land above spoken of by the Plaintiff.

Answer By Witness. I do not exactly know its boundary. Can a further this deponent sayeth not.

Officer McNeil.

Question 1<sup>st</sup> By Plaintiff.

Do or do you not know the condition or state of mind of the <sup>said</sup> John Colson for two or three years before he died.

Answer By witness. I think he was like most other old men, of that age. I think he was about 90 years of age as his flesh gave way, his mind gave way also. I would not suppose he was nigh of as strong mind as he was formerly.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> By Plaintiff. Please state ~~when~~ if you know when the old man John Colson or bequeathed the remainder of his land and how long it was before he died, and to whom he bequeathed it.

Answer By witness. Some time before his death one year or two he sold the remainder of his land, supposed to be 100 acres, since I am told, since I am told there was 84 acres, for one thousand dollars, and the land to be equally divided, ~~and the money~~, between James B. Colson and Wm. B. Colson.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> Please state if you know whether the old man John Colson or did or did not give to Wm. B. Colson a certain Negro girl named Maria Extra to help to support him during his life.

Answer By witness. The old man told me that Wm. B. Colson was to have that girl, and he depended on William B. Colson taking care of him and that William B. Colson told me he did take care of the old man, and that he was to have the Girl.

Question 4<sup>th</sup> Did or did you ever hear the old man Colson say that he wanted his property to be divided among his children, and if he wanted them all to have an Equal share.

Answer By witness. My understanding was from the old man Colson that he intended his children to have an Equal share, except Henry

Colson, and he had said that he never would make said Henry a deed to a certain tract of land that he intended he once would, but subsequently he did make him a deed to a piece of land, but not as much as he intended giving.

Question 5<sup>th</sup> Did or did you not ever hear the old man Colson say what portion of his Estate he intended to give to Eliza Colson and to Sally Colson.

Answer By witness. I never heard him say any thing about that.

Question By Left. Would you have given any thing for the hire of the Negro man and Woman and 4 Children at the time, and under the circumstances at that time.

Answer By witness. I would not for the woman and 4 Children, as to the Boy Henry I suppose he would have earned something by taking him away from the rest, but to keep them all together I would think they were worth nothing more than their victuals, and other expenses.

Question 6<sup>th</sup> Are you or are you acquainted <sup>not</sup> with the land here before spoken of By Mr. Jones.

Answer By Witness. I have been over it for the last 60 years, and I think that when it was sold for 1000 dollars it was well sold.

Question 7<sup>th</sup> Do you or do you not know who took care of the old man in his latter days, and if so state who they were.

Answer By witness. My understanding was that Wm. B. Colson was taking charge of the old man.

Can a further this deponent sayeth not. Richard Bratton.

Question By Plaintiff. Please state if you know if you were well acquainted with the old man Colson, and whether he was calculated in the latter part of his life to be fully capable of doing business.

Answer By witness. I was very well acquainted with the old man, and do not whether he was or not.

Question By Plaintiff. Do or do you not think his mind was much impaired and his memory not as good as it was in his early life.

Answer By witness. I would not suppose his mind was as good as it was.



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Question By Plaintiff, Please state if you know, about a negro girl named  
Mina, and how the old man Colson disposed of her, and on what conditions,

Answer By Witness, I do not know.

Question By Plaintiff, Please state if you know how much George  
Hoskins gave for a certain tract of land that since Hoskins bought of  
Wm E. Colson, and how many acres it contained.

Answer By Witness, I do not recollect any thing about it.

Question By Plaintiff, Do or do you not think whether the old man Colson  
had not as good recollection and mind, as any man of his age,

Answer By Witness, I think he had.

Did further this deponent say anything more.

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Question 1<sup>st</sup> By Plaintiff,

Please state if you know when John Colson Sr  
gave to his son Wm E. Colson, a negro girl named Mina, for what purposes  
he gave her to him, and in what manner it was to interfere with the estate.

Answer By Witness, I signed the <sup>Receipt</sup> ~~and~~ he made, for the girl to W. E. Colson,  
the old man said she was given to Wm for the purpose of taking care of him,  
as he was not able to take care of himself, and that she was not to be  
charged to said Wm as part of his estate. And charged me and  
Samuel Pettrel, the witnesses to the bill of sale, to bear that in mind.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> Please state if you know, when the old man John Colson  
deeded away his first tracts of land to his sons, viz, John Colson Jr. Thomas  
Colson, and James W. Colson, whether there was any agreement, contract, or  
obligation, entered into by the above named heirs with their father John Colson Sr.  
and <sup>what</sup> that agreement consisted of.

Answer By Witness, I heard the old man Colson say that the lands he gave  
to them, was not to be sold, to any one <sup>without his consent</sup>, but only one heir or another might  
buy the same, ~~and that they were to keep or sell said land to one another~~  
~~and that contract was to continue during his life.~~

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> did or did you not ever hear the old man <sup>Colson</sup> say what  
was his motive for making that agreement with these said heirs,



Answer By witness. I never did.

Question By Left. did you or did you not know whether the old man Colson consented for Thos. Colson, to sell his land or not during the lifetime of the old man. Answer By Witness.

I know he did consent.

And further this deponent saith not.

A. J. Sutton

Question By Plaintiff.

Please state if you know whether the old man Colson was or was not calculated at all times in his latter life to transact business, or if his mind and memory had not materially left him.

Answer By witness. I have seen the old man at times have very simple talk, and at other times he would talk very rational.

Question 2<sup>nd</sup>. Did you or did you not know the conditions upon which the old man Colson gave <sup>Miss</sup> a girl named Maria to his son William, and for what purpose she was given.

Answer By Witness. I do not.

Question By Left.

Do or do you not think that we gave the full value for the land that we last purchased by Land William from the old man Colson.

Answer By witness. It is as much as I would give for it.

And further this deponent saith not.

Mathew <sup>his</sup> Roberts  
mark

Question By Plaintiff.

Do or do you not know whether the old man John Colson was in a sound state of mind during his latter years.

Answer By witness. I think his mind was not good in his latter years.

Question 3<sup>rd</sup> By Left. Did you or did you not live some distance from the old man Colson.

Answer By witness. I live here about 3 miles.

Question 4<sup>th</sup>. Was or was you not frequently about the old man's house.

Answer By Witness. Not very frequently. Balies Sitree

And further this deponent saith not.



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Question By Plaintiff.

Did or did you not live in the same house with the old man Colson during the latter part of his life.

Answer By witness. I did.

Question By Same. Please state whether or not you think the old man Colson was not very much impaired in his mind, and his memory also.

Answer By witness. I know that people would come in the fore part of the day that he was well acquainted with, and he would ask things who they were, and they would come back at noon and he would ask them the same question again.

Question By Same. Would or would you not suppose that from the frailty of the old man's Colson's mind, he could have been persuaded to have done things that he would not have done in his former years.

Answer By witness. I believe he could.

Question By Same. do or do you not remember in a certain suit that was in controversy between Sarah Colson and Henry Colson, that the deposition of the old man Colson was required, and that same and the reason why the deposition was not taken.

Answer By witness. That James B. Colson and William E. Colson objected to it being taken on the grounds that the old man's mind was not capable of understanding.

Question By Same. Have or have you not frequently heard the old man Colson express his mind concerning the division of his land.

Answer By witness. Yes I have frequently.

Question By Same. did you or did you not frequently hear the old man say that he intended his heirs to have an equal share of all he had.

Answer By witness. Yes I have.

Question By Same. Please state if you know <sup>whether</sup> the old man Colson gave a negro girl to his son William.

Answer By Same. I do.

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Question By Same. State if you know why he gave her to him.

Answer By witness. for William Colson to pay attention to his father.

Question By Same. do or do you not know ~~when~~ when the negroes were hired and to whom.

Answer By witness. I do. William E. Colson hired them, the boy called Henry he was either to pay 5 or 7 dollars per month for food not remember which, and the Negro Woman and Children he was to feed and clothe them and pay the Physicians fees for their labor, also pay their taxes.

Question By Same. do you or do you not think that the old man Colson was as well attended to as he should have been.

Answer By witness. I do not think he was.

Question By Same. Please state if you know the reason he was not.

Answer By Same. It was from the want of means to treat him well, and also from neglect.

Question By Same. How long was it before the old man Colson died you live with him in the same house.

Answer By witness. About 18 Months as near as I recollect.

Question By Same. Are or are you not considered one of the plaintiffs in this suit.

Answer By Same. I am not.

Question By Same. Is your son James not one of the plaintiffs in this suit.

Answer By Same. He is.

Question By Same. Did or did you not with James Swelling and in filing the first Bill in this suit.

Answer By witness. I was there and assisted him James F. Swelling, in the first Bill. then I and Anna <sup>Colson</sup> went and amended the second Bill.

And further the Defendant I go to No.

Ely <sup>Child</sup> Colson  
Mon 14



Question 1<sup>st</sup> By Plaintiff. Were or were you not well acquainted with John Colson Sr. For a long time and frequently seen him in the latter part of his life.

Answer By Witness. Yes I was

Question 2<sup>nd</sup> By same. Do you or do you not think, that for some 2 years or so before he died his mind was much impaired.

Answer By same. I was not much there about that time, I had left there.

Question By same. Please state from General report what was the public opinion of said Colson in relation to his intellect.

Left Object.

Question By same. Do or do you know that the old man Colson would very often be stimulated with liquor, and take his dram freely.

Answer By Witness. Yes I have, known him to be intoxicated.

Question By same. did or did you not ever hear him speak any thing concerning the distribution of his ~~property~~<sup>estate</sup> among his Children or please state.

Answer By same. I did, I heard him say that he had divided his land and said that they were all satisfied, except Henry, and that he Henry should never have the land he intended him to have, he also said that he would send 300 dollars to Abel and David the boys that was gone.

Question By same. Do or do you not think that the 300 dollars which would was the intention of him to send to the Boys that was gone, would have been equal in value with the rest of the heirs.

Answer By same. I think the land was worth more than that.

Question By Left. How long ago since it has been that you lived a near neighbor to father.

Answer By same. About 13 years.

Question By same. What is the distance since that time you have lived near him.

Answer By same. About 1 1/2 Miles

Question By same. Have you been particularly acquainted with him since you have been there.

Answer By same. I have not.



Question By Same. Have you seen him frequently intoxicated with liquor for the last 15 years.

Answer By Same. I have not.

Question By Same. Do you or do you not think that the old man during your acquaintance with him was a man of strong mind as any man you knew of of his age.

Answer By Same. I do.

And further this deponent says that,

John Lorton

The taking of these depositions is adjourned until Monday the 22nd day of April 1864, to the law office of Wm. H. Burns at Jonesville Lee County Virginia, when and where the taking of the same will be resumed and continued

M. S. Ball J. P.

I certify that the foregoing depositions of Richard Crabtree, Bayless Pittrell, Elijah Colson, A. J. Fulton, John Lorton, Jesse Tate, Wm. Mc Neal, Matthew Roberts, was taken sworn to and subscribed by them before me on the 8th day of April 1864, pursuant to notice at the time, place and for the purposes mentioned in the caption, Bill of Court.

M. S. Ball J. P.

Magistrates fees. \$5.00  
 Constables Fees, 3.00  
 \$8.00



John Wilson & others

vs. 'Depositions'  
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Henry Wilson & others

Received Sealed and filed the 9<sup>th</sup>  
day of April 1867.

Henry J. Morgan Clerk



Virginia Lee County Court  
Arvey Colson states that Mary Percifield  
Mount Percifield, Thomas Colson Noel  
Colson, David Colson, and James  
Colson are each of them non residents  
of the State of Virginia and absent  
from the same, a part of them resides  
in Texas a part in Missouri and  
a part in Kentucky, wherefore he asks  
for publication to be made against  
them, January the 22<sup>d</sup> 1867.

Arvey Colson

Shown to before me by Arvey Colson the  
22<sup>d</sup> of January 1867,

Henry Morgan



Ver, in said County to-wit:

Personally appeared J. S. Rose before me Henry J. Morgan  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of said County, Virginia,  
and made oath that Henry F. Robinson is not a  
resident of this Commonwealth - This the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1867.

Henry J. Morgan Clerk

John Colson et al  
vs ) affidavit of  
          ) nonresidence  
Henry Colson et al

John Golson et als. . . . . Plaintiffs

In Chancery.

Henry Golson et als - - - - - Defendants

To the Hon. John A. Campbell, Judge of the Circuit Court  
of Lee County: - By a decree of your Honor entered  
in the above styled cause on the 2nd day of May 1868  
the subscriber, as Commissioner in this Honorable Court, was  
directed to state and adjust the Administration Account  
of the Administrators of John Colson Jr. deceased; and also  
the account of James W. Orr, administrator of the estate  
of William G. Colson deceased, make report thereof to

On the 20th day of November 1868 James B. and William E. Colson were appointed Admins of the estate of John Colson D. deceased by the County Court of Lee County, and on the 8th day of December thereafter they proceeded to make sale of their intestate's property on a credit of twelve months. The sales thus made by them amounted in the aggregate to \$330.30 and became due December the 8th 1861. The said John Colson a short time before his death sold to said James B. & W<sup>m</sup> E. Colson certain tracts of land for which at the time of his death he held two notes on said James B., the first of which is for \$250.<sup>00</sup> and due January 1st 1861, and the second is for a like sum of \$250.<sup>00</sup> and due January 1st 1862. Besides this, the said John held notes on the said William E., for like sums to those he held on said James B. and due at the same times. The said John held



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held another note for \$144.<sup>00</sup> on said James B. due September 27th 1860, for what consideration this note was executed I am not informed. It is thus seen that the principal assets that went into the hands of said Administrators were notes upon themselves, that is, the said James B. owed his intestates' estate \$644.<sup>00</sup> (and the said William \$500.<sup>00</sup>), making in the aggregate \$1144.<sup>00</sup>. And when we add to this sum the amount of the sales of their intestates' property of \$330.30, it makes their indebtedness to said estate amount in the aggregate to \$1474.30, and the interest which had accrued upon these several notes to the first day of January 1862 amounted to \$40.80.

The said William E. Colson sometime during the late war departed this life, leaving the said James B. surviving Admr. of the said John, whom I summoned before me in order to state the said account as directed by the said decree, which I have accordingly done and the same is filed herewith, marked AB, as a part of this report, a reference to which will show that I have stated the said account by making eight annual statements thereof, the first as of January 1st 1862, the end as of January 1st 1863, and so on ending with January 1st 1869. Upon the disbursements made by him during these several years I have allowed him a credit of 7 per cent commission thereon, and after deducting said commission, together with the various disbursements made by said Admr., it leaves

in their hands of Principal money on the 1st day of January 1869 \$1212.85, and the interest which has accrued upon the annual balances in said account to the first day of January 1869 amounts to \$583.07. Principal and Interest to \$1795.92. If, however, we allow the said Admrs a credit for 7 per cent Commission on the Principal and Interest in their hands on the first day of January 1869, the result will then be found in a special statement in said account A.B. This special statement shows that after allowing said Admrs a credit of 7 per cent Commission, there is in their hands of Principal money \$1127.96 which will bear interest from the first day of January 1869, and the balance of ~~Principal~~<sup>Interest</sup> after allowing Commission thereon, will be \$542.26. Principal and Interest \$1670.22.

The said James B. Colson, as surviving admr., during the year 1866, made before a Commissioner of the County Court his first settlement of this account, from which I have re-stated this — — and while the Statute provides that unless Fiduciaries shall make annual settlements of their accounts or forfeit Commissions, yet I think this is a case in which Commissions ought to be allowed, and I think the proper sum for which this admr. is chargeable to his intestate's estate will be found in said special statement. In this statement of the account I have charged the said James B., as surviving Admr., with the entire



assets of his intestate, including the notes due from himself and those <sup>due</sup> from William E. Colson to his intestate. Now, if it should turn out upon a settlement of the estate of said William E. that the said James B. should not realize the full amount of said two notes, then and in that event, the said James B. would be entitled to a credit for such sum as he may fail to realize. The said James B. has instituted suit and obtained judgment against James W. Orr, admr. of said William E., for the amount of said notes and there is a Bill pending in the County Court for the settlement of the matters of the estate of the said William E. And as the said notes were executed for land, and the said John Colson having made a deed of conveyance therefor, without retaining a lien for the purchase money, the said judgment will stand upon the footing of ordinary obligations and will not amount to any priority upon the real estate of the said William E. and should his estate prove to be insolvent, a ratable distribution among his creditors will have to be made after paying off prior liens, if any there be.

Among the credits allowed in said statement AB is one of \$105.<sup>00</sup> paid to Bailey Shumate & wife, marked as voucher No 6, and one to James F. Snellman for \$65.53 marked No 9. These are the only two disbursements made among the heirs of the said John by the admr. out of the fund in his hands liable to

distribution, and all the other vouchers therein allowed are for taxes, debts, and incidental expenses - vouchers for all which are ~~filed with~~ said statement A & B, marked as in the margin therein from 1 to 10 inclusive.

The Appraisement and Sale Bill of said estate are also filed therewith marked A & B.

This disposes of the matters of account so far as the said James B. Colson is concerned, and next in order is the account of James H. Orr, admr. of the said William E. Colson, and as before stated the said William E. departed this life intestate probably during the year 1863, and up to the 18th day of June 1866 no person having made application for Letters of Administration on his estate, the same was by the County Court on that day committed to said Orr as Sheriff of Lee County, who on the 28th day of July, thereafter made sale of his intestate's personal estate on a credit of twelve months - this sale amounted in the aggregate to \$125.15. During the fall of 1866 the said Admr. also sold some rent corn raised upon his intestate's land during that year for which he realized \$11.15, he also rented his intestate's land for the year 1867 due January 1st. 1868 for which he realized the sum of \$131.00 for the year 1868 he again rented his intestate's land for which he realized the sum of \$80.00 due Jan 1st 1869. He also collected in two actions at law the sum of \$5.00 in the way of Attorney's fees, which



is credited to him among other fees of a like character in Voucher No: 13, and these items constitute this Admr's entire debits, and from this data I have prepared a statement of his Administration Account and the same is filed herewith marked BD as a part hereof. The said account consists of two annual statements the first made as of January 1st 1868, and the second as of January 1st 1869 - I made the first as of its date for convenience, by charging the said Admr. with the amount of his Sale-Bill and with interest thereon from the 28th of July 1867, that being the time at which said sale became due, to the first day of January 1868, to which I added the proceeds of the rent-corn for the year 1866, and the rent of intestate's land for 1867 making in the aggregate \$247.30 exclusive of interest. I then gave him credit for 10 per cent Commission thereon, and for all disbursements made by him in the payment of taxes, fee-bills, and funeral expenses paid by him from the time said estate was committed to him to the first of January 1868, which being deducted from the debits left in his hands of principal money the sum of \$195.77 which in the second annual statement of the said account I charged to him, together with one year's interest thereon, and to this balance I added the rents of the land for 1868 and the said \$5.00 received as attorney's fee in two suits at law making this Admr's debits at the end of that year amount in the aggregate to \$280.77 exclu-

side of interest I then gave him credit for taxes paid by him, Clerk's Fee-Bills, and Receipts for Attorney's Fees during the year 1868, leaving a balance in his hands January 1st 1869 of \$93.07 Principal money and \$14.36 Interest, which constitute the funds in his hands due to the Creditors and Distributees of his intestate's estate.

I will here remark that a number of persons instituted suits against this admr. which he was forced to defend to protect his intestate's estate, and in doing so he has spent something over \$100.<sup>00</sup> of his intestate's money in paying Counsel for his defence. He has paid Mr Lane \$37.<sup>00</sup> as Counsel, allowed as Voucher No 13; Campbell & Humes \$54.<sup>50</sup> for his defence in the suit in which this account is taken, allowed as Voucher No 15; and to Itagan & Pridemore \$15.<sup>00</sup> for his defense in an action at law at the suit of Robert Henson, allowed as Voucher No 14, besides his Clerk's Fees allowed as <sup>Vouchers for repairs for 1868 made to 17 & 18</sup> Vouchers Nos 12 & 16 & 17. With said Statement & are filed all the vouchers therein allowed from 1 to 18 inclusive, the Sale and Appraisement Bills of said estate are also therewith filed. I think that the Statement of this latter account in this suit is altogether unnecessary for the reason that the funds in said Orr's hands is altogether insufficient to pay off and discharge the liabilities of his intestate, and there being a suit now pending in the County Court in the nature of a Creditors' Bill for the settlement of this account, the convening of the Creditors and marshalling



of assets of said intestate, preparatory to distribution &  
a decree has been entered in said suit to attain  
those objects; but having been directed <sup>to state that acct in this suit</sup> ~~as before~~ I  
have discharged that duty as herein indicated and  
pray hence to be discharged from the further considera-  
tion hereof. All which is respectfully submitted.

Henry J. Morgan, Commissioner  
January 29th 1869.

The Commission's Report is to be read in the  
minutes of the court here - in so, we as it allows  
the court to see the facts and no special reasons  
appearing, therefore 5% cents should have been  
allowed only.

Henry J. Morgan

John G. Olson et al.

vs. J. J. Commissioner's Report.

Henry J. Olson et al.

Commissioner's Fee \$12.00

Filed February 13-1869.  
H. J. Morgan, Clerk

See Bill made out.

| James B. Caloon Surviving Adminr of John Caloon deceased. |       | To the Heirs and Distributors of Said Estate                         |         | Dr        |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| 1862                                                      | Jan 1 | To amt. Sale Bill Dec 8th 1860. Due Jan 1st 1862.                    |         | 330 30    |
|                                                           | "     | " Note on James B. Caloon to intimate dec. Jan 1st 1861              |         | 250 00    |
|                                                           | "     | " Note on Same " " Jan 1st 1862                                      |         | 250 00    |
|                                                           | "     | " Note on Same " " due Sep 27 1860                                   |         | 114 00    |
|                                                           | "     | " Note on Wm. C. Caloon " " due Jan 1st 1861                         |         | 250 00    |
|                                                           | "     | " Note on Same " " due Jan 1st 1862.                                 |         | 250 00    |
|                                                           | "     | " Interest on three of preceding notes to January 1st 1862           | 40 80   |           |
|                                                           |       | Total Debits for the year ending Jan 1st 1862 exclusive of interest. |         | \$1474 30 |
|                                                           | 1     | By this sum paid Taxes for 1856. January 5th 1861                    | 3 43    |           |
|                                                           | 2     | " " " Taxes for 1857 Feb 5 1861                                      | 8 60    |           |
|                                                           | 3     | " " " Taxes for 1859 to T. J. Brown & Co.                            | 27 97   |           |
|                                                           | 4     | " " " Taxes for 1861 to Same                                         | 7 01    |           |
|                                                           | 5     | " " " Thus J. Brown Fee Bill.                                        | 1 50    |           |
|                                                           |       | By 7 per cent commission on \$18.51 disclosed this year.             | 3 39    |           |
|                                                           |       | By this sum unaccounted for this year to Square -                    | 1422 40 | 1474 30   |
| 1863                                                      | Jan 1 | To this sum unaccounted for as per last years Statement              |         | 1422 40   |
|                                                           | "     | " Interest on Same from Jan 1st 1862 to Jan 1st 1863                 | 85 34   |           |
|                                                           | 6     | By this sum paid Balis Shumate wife June 13 1862                     | 105 00  |           |
|                                                           |       | By 7 per cent commission thereon this sum                            | 7 35    |           |
|                                                           |       | By this sum unaccounted for this year to Square -                    | 1310 05 | 1422 40   |
| 1864                                                      | Jan 1 | To this sum unaccounted for as per last years Statement              |         | 1310 05   |
|                                                           | "     | " Interest on Same from Jan 1st 1863 to January 1st 1864             | 78 60   |           |
|                                                           | 7     | By this sum paid Taxes for 1860. June 11th 1863                      | 16 72   |           |
|                                                           |       | By 7 per cent commission thereon this sum                            | 1 17    |           |
|                                                           |       | By this sum unaccounted for this year to Square -                    | 1292 16 | 1310 05   |
|                                                           |       | Interest Carried Forward.                                            | 204 74  |           |



|       |                                                             |        |         |         |  |
|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|--|
| 1865  | Accumulated interest Brought Forward                        | 204 74 |         |         |  |
| Jan 1 | To this sum unaccounted for as per last years Statement     |        |         | 1292 16 |  |
|       | " Interest on same from Jan 1st 1864 to Jan 1st 1865        | 77 52  |         |         |  |
|       | By this sum unaccounted for this year to Square             |        | 1292 16 | 1292 16 |  |
| 1866  |                                                             |        |         |         |  |
| Jan 1 | To this sum unaccounted for as per last years Statement     |        |         | 1292 16 |  |
|       | " Interest on same from Jan 1 1865 to Jan 1st 1866          | 77 52  |         |         |  |
|       | By this sum unaccounted for this year to Square             |        | 1292 16 | 1292 16 |  |
| 1867  |                                                             |        |         |         |  |
| Jan 1 | To this sum entered to your credit in last years account.   |        |         | 1292 16 |  |
|       | Interest on same from Jan 1st 1866 to Jan 1st 1867          | 77 52  |         |         |  |
| 8     | By this sum paid Patrick Leonard Sep. 13 <sup>th</sup> 1866 |        | 5 00    |         |  |
| 9     | " " " James F. Sullivan on hire                             |        | 65 53   |         |  |
|       | By 7 per cent commission on \$70.53 disbursed this year     |        | 4 93    |         |  |
|       | By this sum unaccounted for charged in next years account.  |        | 1216 70 | 1292 16 |  |
| 1868  |                                                             |        |         |         |  |
| Jan 1 | To this sum unaccounted for as per last years Statement     |        |         | 1216 70 |  |
|       | Interest on same from Jan 1st 1867 to January 1st 1868      | 73 00  |         |         |  |
| 10    | By this sum paid or to be paid clerk fee Bill               |        | 3 60    |         |  |
|       | By 7 per cent thereon in the way of commission              |        | 25      |         |  |
|       | By this sum unaccounted for this year to Square             |        | 1212 85 | 1216 70 |  |
| 1869  |                                                             |        |         |         |  |
| Jan 1 | To this sum unaccounted for as per last years Statement     |        |         | 1212 85 |  |
|       | " Interest on same from Jan 1st 1868 to Jan 1st 1869        | 72 77  |         |         |  |
|       | By this sum unaccounted for this year to Square             |        | 1212 85 | 1212 85 |  |
|       | Accumulated Interest to January 1st 1869.                   | 583 07 |         |         |  |

See Special Statement next Page

|                                                              |           |
|--------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Principal unaccounted for Jan 1st 1869 Brought Forward       | 1212 85   |
| By 7 per cent commission on same                             | 84 89     |
| Total amt of Principal after deducting commission            | \$1127 96 |
| Accumulated Interest to Jan 1st 1869 Brought Forward         | 583 07    |
| By 7 per cent commission on same this sum                    | 110 81    |
| Total amt Principal & Int to Jan 1st 1869 abating commission | 1670 22   |

Jas. B. Colson, surviving  
adm<sup>r</sup> of John Colson decd.

Statement A.B. of  
Administration Account

A.B.



~~Pursuant to an order of the Court of  
Lee County, Va as the appraisers after being  
duly sworn have Proceeded to appraise the personal  
Property of John Colson Decd. Shown to us By  
James M. Colson & W. E. Colson Administrators of said  
John Colson. Decd.~~

Appraisement Bill of the

of  $\frac{1}{3}$  Personal Prop.

John Colson Sr. Decd.

Recorded in Will  
Book No. 1 Page  
406 & 407 & 408

One note on Jas. B. Colson \$ cts  
 due one day after date and  
 dated Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1860 144 66  
 Daniel Pittnell

One note on Jas. B. Colson \$ cts  
 due one day after date and  
 dated Sept 26<sup>th</sup> 1860 144 66  
 One pair of drawing Chems x 7.00  
 One Harrow - 1.00

Daniel Pittnell  
 G. W. Hopkins (att)  
 M. H. Brent

amer. to Colson  
 of James B. Colson & Co. & Co.

Virginia.

At a court begun and held for Lee County, at the Court  
 house thereof, on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1861  
 An appraisement bill of the personal property of John Colson  
 Sr. deceased. was this day returned to Court and ordered to be  
 recorded

Teste

William P. Paul. D.C.



In pursuance to an order of the County Court  
 of Lee County Va. in James Littlell Esqr. vs  
 J. Hest Bunt after first being duly sworn  
 have proceeded to appraise the property of John  
 Colson Sr. - Decd. Shown to us By J. Blolion & W  
 Elolson Administrators of the said John Colson Sr.  
 Decd. Sworn to before me on the 7th December 1860

|                                 | \$ | cts |                                                 |                  |
|---------------------------------|----|-----|-------------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 Yoke of Cattle. +             | 40 | 00  |                                                 | Robert M. Ely Jr |
| 1 cow and calf. X               | 14 | 00  | One holless stand                               | 50               |
| 1 Cow and calf X                | 15 | 00  | One head stead                                  | 50               |
| One Bay Mare X                  | 75 | 00  | One pair of Waiffuls                            | 25               |
| One Ball Mare X 30.             | 30 | 00  | One Jet. Rack - X                               | 50               |
| One Black Colt, X               | 40 | 00  | One large pot. X                                | 1 00             |
| One Clock +                     | 4  |     | One lot of <sup>or copper</sup> pale, Bessels X | 1 00             |
| One small Table X               | "  | 75  | One Cupboard ware X                             | 50               |
| One Fall leaf Table X           |    | 50  | One Hickle. - - X                               | 75               |
| One large Kitchen Table X       | 1  | 00  | One Rifle gun & pouch X                         | 5 00             |
| One cutting Box & Knife X       | 1  | 00  | One shot gun. +                                 | 3 00             |
| One crosscut. Saw - X           | 3  | 00  | One pair of saddle pockets X                    | 50               |
| One pair of stuttyards X        | 1  | 25  | One small fall leaf Table X                     | 2 00             |
| One Turkey Oven X               | 1  | 00  | One loom. +                                     | 4 00             |
| One large pot. & pot. hooks X   |    | 75  | One note on J. B. Colson                        |                  |
| One Tea Cittle. X               | "  | 30  | of \$250. due Jan. 1/60                         |                  |
| One smoothing Iron X            | "  | 25  | also one of \$250. due                          |                  |
| One lantern & Churn - X         | "  | 75  | January, 1862.                                  | 500.00           |
| 6 pot. Bessels and 1 pan hook X | 4  | 00  | One note on W. E.                               |                  |
| 1 Comb Shell. +                 | "  | 25  | Colson of \$250. due                            |                  |
| 1 Family Bible. X               | 1  | 00  | January 1861 also one                           |                  |
| 1 small Bunch of Feathers X     | "  | 50  | note on same for \$250.                         |                  |
| One Bottle. X                   | 1  | 00  | due January 1862,                               | 500.00           |
| One small Table X               |    | 25  | 5 Chairs X                                      | 1 00             |
| One old chest. X                | "  | 25  | 2 Houels & one set dog Iron X                   | 1 50             |
| One hifen X                     | 7  | 00  | One large plaw X                                | 1 00             |



| Sale Bill of John Colson Sur. Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup> 1860 |         |                    |    |     |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------|--------------------|----|-----|
| One Yoke of Oxen                                        | \$36.00 | to James B Colson  | \$ | cts |
| One Cow & calf                                          | 17.00   | to W. J. Horvick   |    |     |
| One Cow and calf                                        | 14.00   | to Wm. E. Colson   |    |     |
| one heifer                                              | 6.75    | to David Colson    |    |     |
| One Mare                                                | 106.00  | to W. J. Colson    |    |     |
| one Black Mare                                          | 50.00   | to David Colson    |    |     |
| one Black Colt                                          | 51.00   | to Juliana Colson  |    |     |
| one black                                               | 20.00   | to Wm E Colson     |    |     |
| one little Table                                        | 00.50   | to Wm E Colson     |    |     |
| one Table                                               | 00.50   | to W E Colson      |    |     |
| one large Table                                         | 00.50   | to W E Colson      |    |     |
| one cutting Knife                                       | 1.50    | to H. E. Horvick   |    |     |
| one saw                                                 | 3.75    | to J B Colson      |    |     |
| one pair Shears                                         | 1.75    | to W J Horvick     |    |     |
| One Hammer                                              | .50     | to W. E. Colson    |    |     |
| One Pot. & Hook                                         | 1.00    | to Jacob Shoemaker |    |     |
| One Pot. Smelter                                        | 0.75    | to W. E. Colson    |    |     |
| One Pot. Do                                             | 2.00    | to do do           |    |     |
| One Do. Table                                           | 1.00    | to do do           |    |     |
| One Bureau                                              | 1.00    | to do do           |    |     |
| One Chest & Table                                       | .75     | to do do           |    |     |
| One Melass. Stand                                       | .50     | to do do           |    |     |
| One Bedstead                                            | .25     | to do do           |    |     |
| One Pair of Scales                                      | .50     | to do do           |    |     |
| One Pot. Iron                                           | .25     | to W. E. Colson    |    |     |
| One Pot. Do                                             | .85     | to W. J. Colson    |    |     |
| One Pot. of Sails                                       | .75     | to W E Colson      |    |     |
| One Pot. Sheep Ware                                     | .70     | to do do           |    |     |
| One Hatchet                                             | 1.10    | to D. C. Colson    |    |     |
| One Rifle Gun                                           | 10.50   | to W. B. Taylor    |    |     |
| One Shot Gun                                            | 2.50    | to John Colson     |    |     |
| One pair Saddle Pockets                                 | 1.75    | to D. C. Colson    |    |     |
| One Small Table                                         | 2.54    | to D. C. Colson    |    |     |
|                                                         | 320.55  |                    |    |     |

20.05-

\$324.55



One Loom \$4.00 To Henry Colson sur.  
 5 Chairs .85 To W. C. Colson  
 One pair fire Dogs & Hand \$1.25 To do do  
 One Big Sled .60 To Henry Colson  
 One pair Chairs 1.15 H. C. Mearns  
 One Harrow 1.90 Saml Mcphearson

9.75  
 324.55  
 \$334.30

320.55  
 9.75  
 330.30

Wagon Drivers 70 To H. C. Mearns

James H. Colson  
 Wm. C. Colson  
 Henry Colson

Virginia,  
 At a Court begun and held for the County of the  
 Court house thereof on Monday the 18th of May 1861  
 I Sale Bill of the personal property of John Colson  
 do Decedent, was this day returned to Court, and  
 ordered to be read.

Sale Bill of the  
 of Personal Prop  
 John Colson Sr. Decd.

Recorded in Will Book  
 No 1 Page 408 &  
 409.

Jeter  
 Williams J. Clerk, &c.

802

Mr

John Ballson sr

tax in Lee county, for 1856.

3

White titheables, county levy,

Black do do

Revenue—Personal property, \$313—

Salary, interest, &c.,

Land, —————

Road levy,

Received the above in full.

Capitation tax, }

|       |
|-------|
| 9.76  |
| 5.65  |
| 10.50 |
| <hr/> |
| 25.91 |

Wm S Martin Jr



John Coakley

Es

Received by Jos B. Keeler  
May 14<sup>th</sup> 1857 \$2.50

Received of Mr. E. C. Keeler  
of Gro Boston serv<sup>g</sup> \$3.43 in  
full of The Putnam of the principal  
of the within sum  
May 5<sup>th</sup> 1861. Mr. S. Martin

101

No. 3

Mr John. Colson Sr.

tax in Lee county for 1854.

White titheables, county levy,

3 Black do do

Revenue--Personal property, \$ 282.

Salary, interest, &c.,

Land,

Received the above in full.

Capitation tax,

10.04

2.76

5.25

~~18.05~~

WM. S. MARTIN, S. L. C.



Geo. Colson Esq

No 2

18.03

for by

3.61

one 6 shilling

4.44

or 10

Recd July 5<sup>th</sup> 1861 of Mr E.  
Colson Adm<sup>r</sup> of the Estate  
of Geo Colson Dec<sup>d</sup> 1860  
in full of the mine &  
Interest

Wm. Colson

MR *John Calson and*

tax in Lee County, for 1859.

/ White titheables, county levy, :

3 Black do do :

Revenue—Slaves, personal property, \$346

Salary, interest, &c., :

Land, :

Road levy, :

Received the above in full,

6.44

Capitation tax, } 5.78

15.75

\$27.57

*H. Brown D.S.*



No. 3  
Pro Cabsen Dr

27.97

Abau Gap.  
paid by J. B.  
Calsen, or  
by G. H. Hackett  
for ad. Calsen

No. 4

Mr. *See B. & H. E. Colson* Adm<sup>r</sup> of *Geo. Coleman* tax in Lee county, for 1861.

|          |                                           |   |  |             |
|----------|-------------------------------------------|---|--|-------------|
| Revenue. | Slaves, personal property, \$ <i>1375</i> | } |  | <i>5.26</i> |
|          | Capitation tax, Salary, Interest, &c.,    |   |  |             |

|              |           |       |             |
|--------------|-----------|-------|-------------|
| Land,        |           |       |             |
| County levy. | white and | black | titheables, |

*war* ~~road~~ levy, *33 1/8* per cent. on State taxes.

Received payment.

*1.75*

*7.01*

*Lee County*



Pat. B. of Wm. C. Coleon  
adm'r. of John Coleon  
701

No. 4

No. 8

December 7th 1860.

Wm. E. Colson and James B.  
Colson administrators of John Colson  
dec'd. Mr. To Notifying & appraisers  
of the estate of said Colson  
at fifty Cents each \$1.50.

Geo. J. Brown, D.S.



W. E. Bird & Sons

B. Colson

adon~~to~~ Ho:

\$150 ==

No 5

No 2

Received of William E. Colson  
One hundred and fifty Dollars, it being  
a part of Rebecca Shadmars part and  
Interest of her Grandfather John Colsons  
Estate. Deceased. but if this should not  
be her part of said John Colson's Estate  
the said Colson is to pay the full amount  
due and if the \$105.00. be too much  
the said Balis & Rebecca Shadmars is  
to pay back to W<sup>m</sup> E. Colson. after a  
fair settlement with the estate  
given from under our hands & Seals.  
June 13<sup>th</sup> 1862. Bay Co. J. Shadmars  
Witness Rebecca <sup>W</sup> Shadmars  
James B. Colson mark



Balis Shoemaker  
& Rebecca  
To Receipt  
~~\$100.00~~  
\$105.00

No 6

2 Nov 5

Mr. *Wm. O. Allen*..... TAX IN LEE COUNTY FOR 1860.

|                                           |      |
|-------------------------------------------|------|
| White titheables, county levy,.....       | 103  |
| Black do do do.,.....                     | 309  |
| Revenue—Slaves; personal property, \$ 375 | 389  |
| Capitation tax, }                         |      |
| Salary, interest, &c., .....              | 447  |
| Land,.....                                |      |
| Road levy,.....                           | 1447 |

Received the above in full,.....*Mar 9 1892*.....



John C. Allen, Esq.

Nov 11, 1848.

Nov 1

20 26

20 26

e

Received of James. B. Colson Administrator  
of the estate of John Colson Senr Deceased.

Five dollars. in full of my claim against the  
estate for making Coffin for said John Colson  
Senr Decd given from under my hand Septn.  
13<sup>th</sup> 1866.

Patrick Leonard



No 8

No. 6

J. P. Leonard  
Receipt  
\$5.00

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24

September 11<sup>th</sup> 1866

Received of James B. Colson  
Administrator of the estate of John Colson decd. (Deceased)  
Sixty five dollars and fifty three cents it being for one  
black Colt. that Juliana Colson now Juliana Smellings  
bought at the sale of her Grandfathers. Sale given from under our  
hands and seals,

James J. Smellings (seal)  
Juliana <sup>her</sup> Smellings (seal)  
mark



12-20-21

| James W. Orr Sheriff and as such Adm <sup>r</sup> of William E. Colson Decd. |                                                                                             | To the Heirs & Distributors of said Estate |     | Dr    |        |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-----|-------|--------|
| 1868                                                                         |                                                                                             |                                            |     |       |        |
| Jan 1                                                                        | To Amt due Bill July 28 <sup>th</sup> 1866. due July 28 <sup>th</sup> 1867 (See due Bill A) |                                            |     | 105   | 15     |
|                                                                              | " Interest on same from July 28 <sup>th</sup> 1867. to Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1868             | 2                                          | 62  |       |        |
|                                                                              | " This sum Recd for Sale of Rent Crops for 1866 (See due bill)                              |                                            |     | 11    | 15     |
|                                                                              | " This sum Recd for Rent of land for 1867 due Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1868.                     |                                            |     | 131   | 00     |
|                                                                              | Total Debits for the period ending January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1868.                            |                                            |     | \$247 | 30     |
|                                                                              | By 10 per cent commission on entire Receipts this sum                                       |                                            | 24  | 73    |        |
| 1                                                                            | By this sum paid Taxes on said Estate for 1865                                              |                                            | 1   | 97    |        |
| 2                                                                            | By this sum paid one half Tax ticket for 1865                                               |                                            | 1   | 26    |        |
| 3                                                                            | By this sum paid one half of Tax ticket for 1866                                            |                                            |     | 89    |        |
| 4                                                                            | By this sum paid Taxes on said Estate for 1866                                              |                                            | 1   | 38    |        |
| 5                                                                            | " " " " Taxes on said estate for 1867.                                                      |                                            | 4   | 46    |        |
| 6                                                                            | " " " " One half of Tax ticket for 1867.                                                    |                                            | 2   | 84    |        |
| 7                                                                            | " " " " Sheriff's fee Bill paid Sheriff/67                                                  |                                            | 2   | 50    |        |
| 8                                                                            | " " " " Sheriff's fee Bill in full.                                                         |                                            | 2   | 00    |        |
| 9                                                                            | " " " " Jonas Smalley for office Dec <sup>r</sup> 1866.                                     |                                            | 9   | 50    |        |
|                                                                              | By this sum unaccounted for this year to square -                                           |                                            | 195 | 77    | 247 30 |
| 1869                                                                         |                                                                                             |                                            |     |       |        |
| Jan 1                                                                        | To this sum unaccounted for as per last years Statement                                     |                                            |     | 195   | 77     |
|                                                                              | " Interest thereon from Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1868 to January 1 1869.                         | 11                                         | 74  |       |        |
|                                                                              | " This sum collected in the way of attorneys fees                                           |                                            |     | 5     | 00     |
|                                                                              | " This sum Recd for Rent of land for 1868. due Jan 1 <sup>st</sup> 1869                     |                                            |     | 80    | 00     |
|                                                                              | Total Debits for the year ending January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1869.                              |                                            |     | \$280 | 77     |
| 10                                                                           | By this sum paid taxes on said Estate for 1868                                              |                                            | 3   | 55    |        |
| 11                                                                           | " " " " One half of Tax ticket for 1868                                                     |                                            | 2   | 77    |        |
| 12                                                                           | " " " " Clerk's fee Bill                                                                    |                                            | 13  | 98    |        |
| 13                                                                           | " " " " M B D. Lane - att. fees                                                             |                                            | 37  | 00    |        |
|                                                                              | Amt Credits Carried Forward                                                                 |                                            |     | 57    | 30     |
|                                                                              | " Interest " "                                                                              |                                            | 14  | 36    |        |



Amount Debits for the year ending Jan 1st 1869 Book Forward \$ 280.77

Accumulated Interest Book Forward 14 36

Assets Credits for this year on first page forward 57 30

14. By this Sum paid Hugan & Croulmore atts fee 15 00

15 " " " " Campbell & Humes atts fee 54 50

16 " " " " Clerk circuit court fee Rice 1 25

17 " " " " Jas. M. Wheeler for repairs 52 15

18 " " " " Elizabeth Hill " 7 50

By this Sum unaccounted for this year to Square 93 07 280 77

James W. Orr, admr. of  
William C. Goleen dec'd.

Statement (C.D.)  
of Administration Account

C.D.



Virginia.

At a County Court continued and held for Lee County  
at the Court House thereof, on Tuesday the 20th day of November 1860.  
On the motion of James B. and William C. Colson, who made oath as  
administrators of John Colson Sr. deceased, and together with Chas. W. L.  
Brittain, Alexander R. Brent, Laurence N. Robinson and Hendley R.  
Robinson, their securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in  
the penalty of \$10,000.<sup>00</sup>, conditioned as the Law directs. Letters of Admin-  
istration are granted them, on the decedent's estate in due form.

A copy

Teste.

Henry J. Morgan Clerk

John Colson et als.

vs.

Henry Colson et als.

Exhibit A.



Know all men by these Presents that we James W. Orr, Arthur J. B. McElroy, William W. Woodard, David Orr, William Elliott, Thomas Baylor, William McPherson, Thomas J. Brown, and Thomas S. Ely of Lee County are held and firmly bound unto the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars, to the true payment whereof well and truly to be made to the said Commonwealth, we bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our seals and dated the 16th day of July 1866.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bound James W. Orr was on the 24th day of May 1866. duly elected by the qualified voters of the County of Lee Sheriff thereof, to serve as such for the term of two years, commencing on the 1st day of January 1867, and after the said term of Office shall have expired until his successor is qualified to enter upon the discharge of the duties of said office.

Now if the said James W. Orr shall faithfully discharge the duties of his said office, according to law, then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue. (Signed) J. W. Orr, A. J. B. McElroy, W. W. Woodard, David Orr, William Elliott, Thomas Baylor, William McPherson, Thomas J. Brown and Thomas Ely.

Virginia,

At a County Court begun and held for Lee County at the Courthouse thereof on Monday the 16th day of July 1866.

James W. Orr, who was on the 24th day of May 1866. duly elected Sheriff of the County of Lee, to serve as such for the term of two years, commencing on the 1st day of January 1867, and afterwards till his successor is qualified to enter upon the discharge of the duties thereof, this day appeared in Court and together with Arthur J. B. McElroy, William W. Woodard, David Orr, William Elliott, Thomas Baylor, William McPherson, Thomas J. Brown, and Thomas S. Ely, his securities, entered into and acknowledged a bond in the penalty of

of Thirty Thousand Dollars conditioned for the faithful execution of the duties of his Office. the bond aforesaid being duly stamped is ordered to be recorded by the Clerk of this Court, who is also directed to transmit a copy of said bond, and a copy of this order to the Auditor of Public Accounts, and thereupon the said James W. Orr took the several oaths prescribed by law.

A copy

Teste ~

Henry J. Morgan Clerk

John Cottonchals

att.

Henry Cottonchals.

Charles D.



Virginia,

Quarterly

At a County Court begun and held for Lee County  
at the Courthouse thereof, on Monday the 18th day of June 1866.

It appearing to the Court that William E. Colson has been dead  
for more than three months, and no person having applied for  
Letters of Administration on his estate, on motion, It is order-  
ed that the administration of the estate of said William E.  
Colson be committed to James W. Orr, High Sheriff of Lee  
County.

A Copy

Teste

Henry J. Morgan Clerk.

John Colson et al.

vs.

Henry Colson et al.

Exhibit C.

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I his Deed made and entered into this 6<sup>th</sup>. day of July 1857  
by and between John Colson Sr of the one part, and William C.  
Colson of the other part, all of the County of Lee and State of  
Virginia Witnesseth. That the said John Colson Sr for the Con-  
sideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to him in hand  
paid, and also for the Consideration of the natural love and  
affection he has for his said son William C. Colson, have  
this day given, granted, bargained, and sold to the said  
William C. Colson a certain tract or parcel of land, lying in  
Lee County Virginia, and on both sides of the main road  
leading through said County, and supposed to contain eighty  
two Acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows:  
Beginning at a double Sycamore on the bank of a branch  
a corner land now occupied by Thomas W. Brent and thence  
S 50° W. 53 poles to a locust, thence N. 41° W. 40 poles to a stake on the  
side of said road, thence with the middle of the said road N. 55°  
W. 20 poles to a stake in the middle of the said road  
near a precious Spruce then S. 41° W. 44 poles to a black oak  
near the corner of a field thence N. 23° 40' W. 190 poles to a sugar  
tree among or near rocks thence N. 74° E. 40 poles to a stake a cor-  
ner of said land occupied by said Thos. W. Brent, thence S 35° E.  
200 poles with said line of said Brent's to a stake thence S 67° E.  
8 poles to a stake near the said road, thence E. 46 E. 47 poles to the  
Beginning, together with all its appurtenances and profits arising  
therefrom unto the said William C. Colson and his heirs to the sole  
use and behoof of him, the said William C. Colson and his  
heirs (after my natural life) forever. And I, the said John Colson  
Sr for myself and my heirs doth covenant with the said William  
C. Colson and his heirs to warrant the right, title, and posses-  
sion of the said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances  
unto the said William C. Colson and his heirs (after my death)  
against all persons lawfully claiming or to claim the same or  
any part thereof. Witness the following signatures and

sent.

John Colson (Seal)

Teste - Hon S. Ely & 2  
Jas. B. Colson }

Virginia, Lee County, to wit: -

I, Robert M. Ely, a Justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid, do certify that John Colson, whose name is signed to the writing and deed hereto annexed bearing date the 6th day of July 1859 has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand July 6th. 1859.

Robert M. Ely J. P.

Virginia,

At a Court of Quarter Sessions continued and held for Lee County, at the Courthouse thereof, on Thursday the 18th day of August 1859 -

True and true of bargain and sale for land between John Colson Jr of the one part, and William C. Colson of the other part, was admitted to record upon the certificate of a Justice of Lee County.

Teste - H. J. Morgan Secy.

A copy -

Teste - Henry J. Morgan Secy.



William G.  
James H. Colson

From } Copy of Deed.

John Colson Sr.

No. 4.

See for copy socis.

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James B. Colson  
From Copy of Deed.  
John Colson Sr.

No 2.

See for Copy 50cts.



This Deed made and entered into on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of August 1867, by and between John Colson Sr. of the one part, and James B. Colson of the other part, both of the County of Lee, and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said John Colson Sr. for the consideration of the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars to him in hand paid by the said James B. Colson, have this day bargained and sold, and by these presents do convey unto the said James B. Colson, a certain tract or parcel of land lying in said County, and on both sides of the main road leading through said County, containing fifty acres, be the same more or less, and bounded as follows: - Beginning at a Locust, a corner of William C. Colson, and with a line of his N 41° W. 40 poles to a stake by the side of said road, being a corner of said William C. Colson, and thence S 6° W. 21 poles to a stake in the middle of said Road near a Persimmon sprout, an other corner of said William C. Colson, and thence N 41° W. 25 poles to a stake thence S 60° W. 73 poles to a stake on a line of Thomas P. Ensor's and thence with a line of his S 34° E 106 poles to a stake corner of said Ensor thence N 42½° E. 66 poles with a line of Daniel Litterell's to a black & white oak, a corner of said Litterell's thence N. 90° E 20 poles to a double white oak, another corner of said Litterell's, thence N. 50° E. 20 poles to the Beginning, together with all its appurtenances and profits arising therefrom to the said James B. Colson and his heirs, to the sole use and behoof of him the said James B. Colson and his heirs. And the said John Colson Sr. for himself and his heirs doth covenant with the said James B. Colson and his heirs do warrant the right, title, and possession of the said tract or parcel of land to the said James B. Colson and his heirs forever against the lawful claim or claims of all persons whatsoever. Witness the following signatures and seal.

John<sup>his</sup> Colson Sr. E. B.  
mark

Lee County Twit:-

I, Robert M. Ely, a Justice of the Peace in the State of Virginia, and in the County aforesaid, do certify that John Colson Jr. whose name is signed to the above writing and hereto annexed bearing date on the 5th. day of August 1859, has acknowledged the same before me in my County aforesaid. Given under my hand this 6th. day of August 1859.

Robert M. Ely J.P.

Virginia,

At a Court of Quarter Sessions continued and held for Lee County at the Courthouse thereof on Thursday the 18th day of August 1859.

This Indenture of bargain and sale for land between John Colson Jr. of the one part, and James B. Colson of the other part, was admitted to record upon the Certificate of a Justice of Lee County  
Teste H. J. Morgan Clerk.

A copy

Teste H. J. Morgan Clerk,



James B. & Wm E. Colson

From } Copy of Deed  
      }  
from Colson Sr

Ac 3

Fee per copy 50cts.

Ac 3

This Deed made & entered into on this 13th day of March 1860 between John Colson Sr of the one part, and James B. Colson and William C. Colson of the other part, a & of the County of Lee and State of Virginia Witnesseth that the said John Colson Sr for the Consideration of the sum of one thousand dollars, lawful money to him in hand paid by the said James B. and William C. Colson, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have this day bargained and sold, and by these presents doth convey unto the said James B. and William C. Colson, a certain tract or parcel of land, lying in the said County of Lee, and on the waters of Indian Creek, containing one hundred acres, or the entire remains of my land, be the same more or less and bounded as follows: on the South by the lands of the said James B. Colson, on the west by the lands of Thomas P. Connor, and George H. Hoskins, on the North by the lands of Henry Colson and said Hoskins, and on the East by the lands of said William C. Colson, together with all its appurtenances and profits arising therefrom unto the said James B. and William C. Colson, to the sole use and behoof of them, the said James B. and William C. Colson and their heirs and assigns forever, and the said John Colson Sr for himself and his heirs, doth covenant with the said James B. and William C. Colson, their heirs and assigns, to warrant the right, title and possession of the said land unto the said James B. and William C. Colson, against the lawful claims of all persons whatsoever. But the said John Colson is to retain the possession of said land and have the rents and profits thereof, during his natural life. With the following signatures and seals.

John Colson Sr 

For County Court: -

I, Robert M. City, a Justice of the Peace for the County aforesaid in the State of Virginia, do certify that John Colson Sr whose name is signed to the writing above, bearing date on the 13th day of March 1860, has acknowledged the same before me, in my County aforesaid, on the 21st day of April 1860. Given under



my hand this 21st. day of March 1860.

Invert M. Ely J.

Lee County Court, Clerk's Office, the 9th. day of May 1860. This  
Indenture of bargain and sale for land between John Coleman  
of the one part, and James B. and William E. Colson  
of the other part, was admitted to record on the certificate of  
a Justice of the Peace in and for Lee County.

Lester J. J. Morgan Clerk

A copy

Lester J. J. Morgan Clerk

James B. & William E. Colson Admrs. of the estate of John Colson, Sr. decd.  
To the heirs and distributees of said Estate Dr.

Debits.

|                                                                                           |         |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| To ac. of Sale Bill sold Dec: 8 <sup>th</sup> 1860 Due Dec: 8 <sup>th</sup> 1861 this sum | 330.50  |
| " " " Interest on same from Dec: 8 <sup>th</sup> 1861 to Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.     | 94. 19  |
| " " " One note on Jas. B. Colson charged in Bill of app: mt.                              | 500.00  |
| " " " Interest on same up to Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866                                  | 127. 50 |
| " " " One Note on William E. Colson charged in Bill of app: mt.                           | 500.00  |
| " " " Interest on same to Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                                    | 127. 50 |
| Total Amt of Principal Charges up to Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866 this sum                 | 1330.50 |
| " " " Interest " " " " " " " "                                                            | 349. 19 |

Credits.

|                                                                         |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| 1. P: Amt paid Thos. J. Brown, Sheriff Taxes June 4 <sup>th</sup> 1863. | 14. 48 |
| " " of interest on same to Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                 | 5.06   |
| 2. " " paid William S. Martin Shff taxes July 3 <sup>th</sup> 1861.     | 3. 43  |
| " " interest on same to September 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                | 1.06   |
| 3 " " paid Wm S. Martin, Shff. taxes Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup> 1861.         | 8. 60  |
| " " interest on same to September 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                | 2. 88  |
| 4 " " paid Thos. J. Brown Sheriff Taxes Feb: 5 <sup>th</sup> 1861.      | 27. 97 |
| " " interest on same to September 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                | 9. 36  |
| 5 " " paid Rebecca Shumate, an heir, June 13 <sup>th</sup> 1862         | 105.00 |
| " " interest on same to September 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                | 27. 77 |
| 6. " " paid Patrick Leonard January 1 <sup>st</sup> 1861                | 5.00   |
| " " interest on same to Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                    | 1. 70  |
| 7 " " paid T. J. Brown Sheriff fee Dec: 7 <sup>th</sup> 1860.           | 1.50   |
| " " interest on same to Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                    | .57    |
| 8 " " paid Isaac T. Bishop, Sheriff taxes Sept: 1861.                   | 7.01   |
| " " interest on same to Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.                    | 3.50   |
| 9. " " paid Juliana Duellaw, an heir, Sept: 11 <sup>th</sup> 1866.      | 65.53  |
| " 7 per cent Commission on \$238.52 his disbursements                   | 16.69  |
| Total Amt of Disbursements including Commission                         | 355.21 |
| " " " Interest Credits - - - - -                                        | 50.84  |



|                                                                       |           |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Am't Principal Charges Brought Forward,                               | \$1330.50 |
| " Interest " " "                                                      | 349.19    |
| Am't Principal Credits Brought Forward                                | 255.28    |
| " Interest " " "                                                      | 50.84     |
| Deducting Principal Cr. from prin. Char. loan unaccounted for         | 1075.29   |
| " Interest " " Interest " " "                                         | 298.35    |
| Add for interest on \$1075.29 from 11th Sept. 1866 to 11th Oct. 1866. | 5.37      |
| Interest unaccounted for Oct. 11th. 1866. this sum                    | 303.72    |
| Principal + Interest unaccounted for Oct. 11th. 1866 this sum         | 1379.01   |

### Report.

To the Worshipful County Court of Lee County

The undersigned, as one of your Worship's Commissioners would respectfully beg leave to state that at the request of James B. Colson, one of the Admrs. of the estate of John Colson Sr. deceased, I posted at the front door of the Courthouse of Lee County on Monday the 17th. day of September 1866, that being Court day, notice that the account of said Colson as Administrator as aforesaid was then before me for settlement. And on the 11th. day of October 1866. I proceeded to state, settle, and adjust the account of their administration as shown and set forth in the foregoing statement.

By a reference thereto it will be seen that I have charged the said Administrators with the amount of the Sale Bill of personal property amounting to \$330.50, I have charged them with interest on the same from the time it became due to the 11th. day of Sept. 1866. which amounts to \$94.19. I also charged them with two notes found in the bill of Appraisement of \$500 each and interest on these two notes from the time they became due up to the 11th. of Sept. 1866 making the Principal Charges amount to the sum of \$1330.50, and the interest charges to \$349.19 on the 11th. day of September 1866. All of which is shown under the head of debts.

Under the head of Credits I have allowed the Admrs sundry Credits for disbursements made by them vouchers for all which

are here filed marked from 1 to 9 inclusive, amounting in the aggregate to \$238.52 Exclusive of Commission. I also allowed the Admrs a Commission of 7 per cent on their disbursements which amounts to \$16.69. Their disbursements and Commission therefore amount to \$255.21 leaving a balance of principal money in the hands of the Admrs unaccounted for on the 11th. of Sept. 1866 of \$1075.29. I have further allowed the Admrs. interest on their disbursements from the time they were paid to the 11th. of Sept. 1866, which amounts to \$50.34 leaving a balance of interest in the Admrs hands unaccounted for on the 11th. Sept. 1866 of \$298.35. I have therefore charged them interest on the principal \$1075.29 from Sept. 11. 1866 to the 11th. of Oct. 1866. which amounts to \$5.37. This sum therefore added to the interest which was still unaccounted for on the 11th. Sept. 1866 makes the sum of \$303.72. The principal and interest therefore due on this 11th. day of Oct. 1866 amounts to the sum of \$1379.01 and \$1075.29 thereof, being principal money will bear interest from this date. All of which is fully set forth in the foregoing statement. The said Bill and Bill of Appraisement are here with filed marked A & B. The Bond of the Admrs. is good, and the sureties therein ample. I have retained this account in my hands more than 10 days from the day of making the same, during all which time no exception has been taken thereto. All which is respectfully submitted.

Levors fee for 4 hours services is \$2.00.

Virginia.

B. M. Morgan County Clerk  
County Court of Lee County  
Oct. 11th. 1866.

At a County Court continued and held for Lee County, at the Courthouse thereof, on Thursday the 21st. day of February 1867.

James B and William B. Colson, Admrs of John Colson decd. this day produced to the Court a settlement & report of their Administration Account, made by B. M. Morgan a Commissioner of this Court, bearing date the 11th. day of October 1866. which settlement and report being seen and inspected by the Court, and no exception being taken thereto, and the same having been filed in the Clerk's office more than 30 days prior to this day, it is therefore ordered that the said settlement and report be confirmed, and the Clerk of this Court do & use & to record the same.

A copy -

Teste - Henry J. Morgan Clerk  
Henry J. Morgan Clerk



Jas. B. & Wm. E. Colson, Admrs.  
 of the Estate of John Colson Sr.  
 Copy of Settlement No. 1. with  
 J. M. Morgan, Comr.

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Fee for Copy \$1.50

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Gre County Virginia

July 16~1866.

We, Thos. J. Brown, George H. Hoskins, and Thos. P. Ensor, pursuant to an order of the County Court of said County, after being duly sworn according to law, have this day proceeded to appraise the personal property of William C. Coleson deceased as follows to-wit:

|                                     | \$  | cts. |                        | \$ | cts. |
|-------------------------------------|-----|------|------------------------|----|------|
| 1 Black Cow                         | 25  | 00   | 1 Turnip plow          | 3  | 00   |
| 1 acct on James B. Colson for 1 Cow | 25  | 00   | 3 Pot vessels          | 4  | 00   |
| 1 Bedsted                           | 4   | 00   | 1 Pot Rack             | 1  | 00   |
| 1 Old Trunk                         | 1   | 00   | 1 Chest                | 1  | 00   |
| 1 Clock                             | 5   | 00   | 1 Bureau               | 3  | 00   |
| 1 8 Gallon Pot                      | 1   | 00   | 1 acct on Henry Colson | 20 |      |
| 2 Chairs 1/6                        | .50 |      | Bushels of corn        | 10 | 00   |
|                                     |     |      |                        | 85 | 50   |

Thos. J. Brown  
G. B. Hoskins  
Thos. P. Cusor.

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 Letter - Henry J. Morgan C.E. & Co.

Thos. J. Brown et al. Appraisers

of Copy of Appraisement

William C. Colson & Co.

(C)

Fee for Copy 20 Cts.



True Bill of the Personal Property of the Estate of William E. Colson, deceased. on the 28th day of July 1866.

|                                  |         |                                          |          |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------------|----------|
| 1 Bedstead to Jonathan Thompson  | \$ 6.00 | 20 Bushels of Corn to D. Colson          | \$ 10.00 |
| 1 Trunk " James B. Colson        | 1.60    | 57 Dozen Oats to Jas. B. Colson          | 5.00     |
| 1 Ten Gallon Pot to Jas. Brent   | 4.00    | 10 " Rye to Sylvester Thompson           | 2.60     |
| 1 Two " " " H. Y. Colson         | 1.30    | 1 Cow to Jas. B. Colson                  | 25.00    |
| 1 Poker to J. B. Colson          | 1.40    | 1 Chest + Small Table to Francis Lenard  | 1.50     |
| 1 Base Oven to J. B. Colson      | .50     |                                          |          |
| 1 Pot Rack " David Colson        | 1.60    | 1 Old Bureau to Jas. B. Colson           | 1.00     |
| 1 Turning Plow to Jas. B. Colson | 4.75    | Rent of farm for year 1867 to E. M. Hill | 131.00   |
| 2 Chairs to Henry C. Cunningham  | 1.15    |                                          |          |
| 1 Clock " Henry S. Colson        | 5.25    | decr 11/66. sold rent Corn of            |          |
| 1 Cow " Henry Colson             | 32.50   | said farm to Jas. B. Colson              | 11.15    |

(Signed) James W. Orr Admr.

A copy - Teste

Henry J. Morgan Clerk

James W. Carr

ads } Copy of Sale Bill

} John Colson et al

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Fee for Copy 20cts.



Henry Colson  
Nepis, Mount Pearlfield. Mary Pearlfield. Thomas  
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Shoemate. Job Colson. Thomas Colson. Florence  
Colson. Elizabeth Colson. Timathie Hobbs. George H  
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orr. Mrs R Grayham. Chas H Hunter. John  
Harris. John P Orr. Alexander Wynn. David  
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-of. John A Wynn. Isaac T Bishop. Chadwell  
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-son. and Henry F Robinson. Please take note  
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der 1867. at the store house of Bull  
& Wheeler in Lee county in the state of  
Virginia take the depositions of Job B  
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now pending in the Lee circuit court wherein  
we are complainants and you are defendants  
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that day and at that place, we will  
expound the taking thereof, from day  
to day and time to time and place to  
place untill all are taken. you can  
attend if you please yours Respectfully  
August the 20th 1867

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Virginia.

At Rules held in the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of  
Lee County, on Monday the 14th. day of February 1867.

John Colson Arva Colson, David Colson, who sues by his  
next friend John Colson, Juley Shumate, and Rebecca his wife  
and James F. Snellan and Rachael his wife - - Plaintiffs  
against

Henry Colson, Mount Percyfield and Mary his wife, Thomas  
Colson, Asell Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson,  
Asell Colson Jr, James Colson, Samuel Shumate, and Eliza his  
wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth  
Colson, Lincolny Troob, George H. Friskins, James H. Orr, Marion  
J. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Champ Hamblen,  
John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David M. Orr, William  
Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John N. Wynn,  
Isaac S. Bishop, Lehadwell Frittain, Alexander K. Brent,  
Lawender N. Robinson, and Hendley F. Robinson Defendants

The object of this suit is to obtain a Decree of the Court  
pronouncing a certain deed in the Bill and amended Bill  
mentioned null and void, and to have a settlement of the account of  
James B. and William C. Colson, administrators of John Col-  
son deceased. And likewise a settlement of the administration  
account of James H. Orr, administrator of said William C. Col-  
son deceased; and also for an equitable distribution among  
the parties, of the proceeds of the said estates, having reference to ad-  
vancements made to some of the parties by John Colson de-  
ceased, in his lifetime. And it appearing from evidence filed  
that Mary Percyfield, Mount Percyfield, Thomas Colson, David  
C. Colson, James Colson and Hendley F. Robinson are non-resi-  
dents of this Commonwealth, They are therefore ordered to appear  
here within one month after due publication of this order, and  
do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit.  
Teste - Henry J. Morgan Clerk

Virginia Lee County town: - Henry J. Morgan  
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Lee County this day made  
oath before me that on Monday the 18th day of Febru-  
-ary 1867, he posted a copy of the within order of  
publication at the front door of the Courthouse of Lee  
County, &c. &c. under my hand, this day of  
1867.

John Calhoun et al  
vs  
The Order of Publication  
Henry Calhoun et al.

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My friends John Colson, Aruey Colson, David Colson, Rebecca  
Shumate, Bailey Shumate, Rachel Snelling & James Y Snelling.  
Take notice that on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1867 at the residence  
of James B. Colson in Lee County Va I will proceed to take the  
depositions of Thomas Brent and others, which depositions are  
intended to be read as evidence in our behalf in a certain  
Chancery suit now pending in the Circuit Court of said  
County in which you are plaintiffs and we and others  
are defendants. The taking of said depositions will be  
continued from day to day and from place to place  
if necessary - until completed. You can attend and cross examine if  
you choose Respectfully &c James B. Colson  
July 19<sup>th</sup> 1867.

& James W. Orr & others of  
~~John Colson, David Colson, Rebecca~~  
Decided.

Geo B. Colson Jas. H. Orr and  
others.

vs 3 Notice

John Colson & others

July 19th - 1867 -

Executed by deliver-  
ing a true copy  
of the within notice

To Amey Colson David Colson

Mother Rebecca Shumate Bady

Shumate Rachael Snellings

and Jas. H. Snelling -

Thos. W. Brown D.D.



See County to wit

To James H. Snelling Constable of said County of M.S. Ball of Justice of the said County do command you that you summons Richard Crabtree J. B.

Crabtree. Balis Little Eliza Bolson  
<sup>A. G. Fulton Balis Shamate Harry Bolson John Bolton</sup>  
<sup>Henderson Little Jessy Tate George</sup>  
<sup>William McNeale</sup>

Bolson to appear before me or such other Justice as may be then and there sitting upon the in, A suit now pending in the circuit court of See on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1867 at widow Ely residence in the said County to testify and the to say in behalf of Harry Bolson John Bolson James H. Snelling David Bolson Balis Shamate in a certain matter of controversy depending and undetermined between James B. Bolson and others and have then and there this summons given under my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1867

M. S. Ball J. P. (Seal)

Attest by James H. Snelling Constable of said County of M.S. Ball of Justice of the said County do command you that you summons Richard Crabtree J. B. Crabtree Balis Little Eliza Bolson Harry Bolson John Bolton James B. Bolson David Bolson Balis Shamate in a certain matter of controversy depending and undetermined between James B. Bolson and others and have then and there this summons given under my hand and seal this 11<sup>th</sup> day of March 1867  
James H. Snelling  
J. H. S.

John Colson  
Henry Colson  
David Colson  
James H. Snell  
Rachel Allen  
Pulis Thumate  
Rebecca Thumate



I, Alexander D. Stout, do certify that I handed  
a copy of the within notice to John P. Orr, David  
M Orr and Alexander Orr, to whom the same is  
directed. Given under my hand this 21st. day of October 1867.  
A D Stout

Sworn to & subscribed before me, J. B. West Deputy  
Clerk County Court of Lee County, this 21st. day of October 1867.  
J. B. West D. C. C.

John Leon et al  
vs. } Notice  
John P. Orr et al.

Mepers Henry Colson. Mary Percifield. Mount  
Percifield. Thomas Colson Noel Colson. David  
Colson. James B Colson. Noel Colson Jr. James  
Colson Elizabeth Shoemate. Samuel Shoemate  
Job Colson. Thomas Colson. Flora Colson  
Elizabeth Colson. Timatha Hobbs. James Worr  
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Champ Hamblin John C. Harris. John P.  
Orr. Alexander Wynn David M. Orr Wm  
Elliott. Alexander Orr C. S. Bishop John  
N. Wynn Isaac T. Bishop. Chaswell Biston  
A H Brent C. A. Robinson H. F. Robinson &  
George H. Hoskins. Please take notice  
we will on the eighth day of april next  
at the house of Peggy Baly in the county of  
Lee in the state of Virginia take the  
depositions of William Martin & others  
to be read as evidence on behalf of the  
complainers in the trial of the suit  
in chancery pending in the Lee circuit  
court, wherein we are complainers and  
you are defendants, and if from any  
cause said depositions should not be  
fully taken on that day, we will exa-  
mine from day to day and from time  
to time and place to place until they  
are all taken, you can attend if you please  
yours respectfully, Feby the 18th 1867,

John Colson

Arvey Colson

David Colson

Rebecca Shoemate

Baileys Shoemate

Rachael ~~Baileys~~ Snelling

James F. Snelling



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James F Snellen  
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Thomas Colson

Please take notice

We will on the sixteenth of November, 1867  
at the store house of Ball & Wheeler in  
Lee County in the state of Virginia take  
the depositions of Job B Coakley and others  
to be read as Evidence on our behalf in the  
trial of the suit in chancery now pending  
in the Lee circuit Court. wherein we are  
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August 20<sup>th</sup> 1867

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John Colson & others

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August 20<sup>th</sup> 1867

John Colson

Anna Colson

David Colson

James<sup>th</sup> Snelling

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Please take notice we will

On the sixteenth day of November 1867 at the  
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of the Suit in ~~Chancery~~ <sup>now pending</sup>  
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August 20<sup>th</sup> 1867

John Colson  
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John Cousen & al

vs  $\frac{1}{2}$  ~~Patience~~

Elizabeth Cousen

Florence Colson

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You can attend if you please

August 20, 1867 Yours Respectfully

John Colson

Anna Colson

David Colson

James Shelling

Rachel Shelling

Baileys Shuermate

Rebecca Shuermate



John Calson & Co.

vs. Native

Flornice Calson -

The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON,

Henry Colson, Mount Panyfield <sup>My wife</sup> and wife, Thomas Colson,  
Noell Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Noell Colson Jr. James Colson  
Samuel Shumate and Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson,  
Flora and Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George H. Haskins, James W. Orr  
Marion W. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Schanup Hamblin,  
John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David W. Orr, William Elliott,  
Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John A. Wynn, Isaac T. Bishop, Chadwell Brittain  
Alexander R. Brent, Cavender N. Robinson, and Hendley F. Robinson

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House, in the Clerk's office, at Rules to

be holden for the said Court, on the 1st Monday in November next, to answer a bill in Chancery

exhibited in our said Court, against them

by John Colson, Arva Colson  
David Colson who sues by his next friend John Colson, Bailey Shumate  
and Rebecca his wife, and James F. Snellan and Rachael his wife.

And have then there this writ. Witness, HENRY J. MORGAN Clerk, of our said Court, at the Court House,

this 28th day of September, 1866, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

Copy Henry J. Morgan Clerk.

Teste ~

Henry J. Morgan



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Henry Colson, Mount Purcell & Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Avel*  
*Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Avel Colson Jr, James Colson, Samuel Shumate and Elizabeth his*  
*wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Holt, George H. Watkins, James M.*  
*OTT, Marion D. Richmond, David OTT, William V. Graham, Abner Stambler, John B. Harris, John P. OTT*  
*Alexander Thym, David M. OTT, William Mott, Alexander OTT, Egan S. Bishop, John N.*  
*Thym, Isaac T. Bishop, Unadwell Britain, Alexander K. Brent, Cavender R. Robinson,*  
*and Hendley F. Robinson*

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 exhibited in our said Court, against *them*

by *John Colson, Harry Colson*  
*David Colson* who owes by his next friend *John Colson* *Bailey Shumate*  
*as a Release his wife and James F. Snellon and Rachael*  
*his wife.*

And have then there this writ. Witness, HENRY J. MORGAN Clerk, of our said Court, at the Court House,  
 this *2nd* day of *September*, 1866, in the *9th* year of the Commonwealth.

*Henry J. Morgan*

Clerk.



October 15th 1866  
Executed by delivering an attested office,

Copies To David Orr, Alexander Orr, Marion I. Richardson,

William R. Garrison, Charles W. Hambley, John A. Harris,  
James P. Carr, Alexander Hays, David M. Carr, William L. Carr

Wm. L. Carr

(S) (B)  
John L. Carr et al.  
vs } Sp. i. i. Chancery.

Henry L. Carr et al.

November Rules 1866.

October 4th 1866

Executed by delivering  
an attested office copy  
to E. S. Bishop, J. T. Bishop,  
C. Brittain Saml. Thumate  
and wife Job. Thos. Noel.  
Henry James B. Elizabeth  
Flora Colson and George  
H. Hoskins, Timothy Hobbs,  
Alexander Moore Jos. . . .  
Wynne Jas. M. Orr, C. R.  
October 20th

Thos. J. Brown, D. S.

Noting paid



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*Henry Colson, Mount Pungfield and Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Anne Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Will Colson, James Colson, Samuel Shumate and Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora and Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George W. Haskins, James W. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Lehigh Stumbler, John L. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Lynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John A. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Lehigh Brittain, Alexander K. Brent, Leander N. Robinson and Hendray F. Robinson,*

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House, in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the *1st* Monday in *November* next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court, against *them*

by *John Colson, Anna Colson, David Colson (who sues by his next friend, John Colson) Britney Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and James F. Sullivan and Rachael his wife.*

And have then there this writ. Witness, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *26th* day of *September*, 186*6*, in the *41st* — year of the Commonwealth.

*Copy* Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
*Teste* — Henry J. Morgan C. C.

# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY, GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Henry Colson, Mount Percyfield & Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Noell Colson, David Colson, James P. Colson, Noell Colson Jr, James Colson, Samuel Shumate and Eliza Ann his wife, Jobb Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Dobb, George H. Hoskins, James W. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Chas. H. Tamblin, John W. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah Bishop, John N. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Chadwell Brittain, Alexander K. Brent, Cavender P. R. Wynn and Hendley F. Robinson

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by John Colson, Hova Colson, David Colson (who sues by his next friend John Colson) Bailey Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and James F. Sneidar - and Rachael his wife.

And have then there this writ, Witness, HENRY J. MORGAN Clerk, of our said Court, at the Court House, this 26th day of September, 1866, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

A copy - Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
Test: Henry J. Morgan C. C.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY, GREETING;

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Henry Colson, Mount Pungfield and Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Nell Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Nell Colson Jr, James Colson, Samuel Shumate and Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora and Eliza beth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George H. Hawkins, James W. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Lehampton Hamblin, John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John N. Wynn, Isaac T. Bishop, Lehadwell Brittain, Alexander R. Brent, Lavender A. Robinson and Hendley F. Robinson -

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House, in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the 1st Monday in November next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court, against them

by John Colson, Arva Colson, David Colson who sues by his next friend John Colson, Bailey Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and James F. Snellan and Rachael his wife.

And have then there this writ. Witness, HENRY J. MORGAN Clerk, of our said Court, at the Court House, this 28th day of September, 1866, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

I copy Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
Teste Henry J. Morgan Clerk

# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY, GREETING!

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON Henry Colson, Mount Puryfield <sup>Marriage</sup> and wife, Thomas Colson, Nell Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Nell Colson, James Colson, Samuel Shumate and Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora & Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George H. Hoskins, James H. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Lechamp Hamblin, John L. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John N. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Chadwell Brittain, Alexander K. Brent, Lavender N. Robinson and Hendley S. Robinson.

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House, in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the 1st Monday in November next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court, against them

by John Colson, Arva Colson, David Colson (who sues by his next friend John Colson) Bailey Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and James S. Snellan and Rachael his wife.

And have then there this writ. Witness, HENRY J. MORGAN Clerk, of our said Court, at the Court House, this 26th. day of September, 1866, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

At Copy. Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
Teste Henry J. Morgan C.C.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Henry Colson, Mount Purgie & Co. un. ric. w. r.*  
*Colson, Arie Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Arie Colson, James K. Colson,*  
*Samuel Thumate & Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson,*  
*Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George N. Hoskins, James W. Orr, Marion D.*  
*Richmond, David Orr, William K. Graham, Chas. Franklin, John C. Harris,*  
*John P. Orr, Alexander Lown, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr,*  
*Elijah S. Bishop, John N. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Bradwell Brittain,*  
*Alexander H. Brent, Lavender N. Robinson & Mendley F. Robinson.*

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House,  
in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the 1st. Monday  
in *March* next, to answer <sup>an amended</sup> a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court,  
against *E. N. —————* by *John Colson, Arie Colson,*

*David Colson & son & his ne & by J. B. Colson & Eliza Ann at*  
*and R. Orr & his wife, a & J. W. Franklin & Rachael his wife.*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said  
Court, at the Court House, this 26th. day of *January* 1867, in the 91st.  
year of the Commonwealth.

*Hen. J. Morgan* Clerk.

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March 4th 1867.

Executed on Motion of Richardson, David Dr. William R. Graham.  
Charles Hamblen, John C. Harris, John P. Dr. Alexander Hyatt, David M.  
Dr. William Elliott, Alexander Dr. John R. Hyatt.

J. W. Dr. S. L. Co.

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John Henry Colson et al.

vs } Spain Chancery

Henry Colson et al.  
March Rules 1867.

February 18th 1867—

Executed by delivering an  
attested office copy to Chad  
well Brittain, Samuel Shumate  
Elizaan his wife, George H. Hoskins,  
Henry Colson, Jas B. Colson  
Noel Colson, Job Colson, H. C.  
Colson, George Colson, Elizabeth  
Colson, Timothy Hobbs, C. N. Robin-  
son, J. T. Bishop, Elijah S. Bishop  
A. H. Brown, dead A. H.

Robinson Mount Careyfield  
and wife David Colson  
Noel Colson Thos. Colson  
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Commonwealth

chd 100 No. J. Brown, D.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

<sup>again</sup>  
WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Henry Colson, Mount Careyfield & Mary his wife,*  
*Thomas Colson, Asell Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Asell Colson & r.*  
*James C. Colson, Samuel Shumate & Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Col-*  
*son, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George H. Hoskins, James*  
*W. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William C. Graham, Champ Hamblin*  
*John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott,*  
*Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John N. Hynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Chadwell Brittain*  
*Alexander K. Brent, Lavender N. Robinson & Henry F. Robinson,*  
to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House,  
in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the *1st.* Monday  
in *March* next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court,  
against *them* ————— by *John Colson, Arva Colson,*  
*David Colson who sues by his next friend John Colson, Bailey*  
*Shumate & Rebecca his wife & James F. Snellan & Rachael his wife*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said  
Court, at the Court House, this *26th* day of *January* 1867, in the *91st.*  
year of the Commonwealth.

*Henry J. Morgan* Clerk.

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John Colson et al.

vs. } Sp. in Chancery.  
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Henry Colson et al.

March Rules 1867.

February 18<sup>th</sup> 1867-

Executed on all  
of the defendants who  
are residence of  
This State, see my  
former return ~~except~~  
the non residence  
who are A. F. Robinson  
Munk Purcell and  
wife Thos Colson David  
Colson Noel Colson  
A. K. Brink Dead,  
Thos J. Brown, D.S.

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# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

<sup>again</sup>  
WE <sup>again</sup> COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *He*, Colson, Mount Percyfield & Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Joel Colson, David James B. Colson, Joel Colson Jr, James L. Colson, Samuel Shumate & Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Floss Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Abbs, George H. Hoskins, James H. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William L. Kersham, Lohamp Hamblin, John L. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David H. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John L. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Lohadwell Brittain, Alexander K. Brent, Leander V. Robinson & Hendley F. Robinson to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House, in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the 1st Monday in *March* next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court, against *them* — by *John Colson, Aron Colson, David Colson (who sues by his next friend John Colson) Bailey Shumate & Rebecca his wife and James F. Snellan & Rachael his wife.*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this 26th. day of January 1867, in the 91st. year of the Commonwealth.

*A copy - Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
Lester Henry J. Morgan Clerk.*

# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Henry Colson, Mount Lure, friend & Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Asell Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Asell Colson Jr., James C. Colson, Samuel Shumate & Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George A. Huskins, James H. Orr, Marion D. in-mond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Champ Hamblin, John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wymer, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John A. Wymer, Isaac S. Bishop, Chadwell Brittain, Alexander K. Brent, Cavender S. Robinson & Hendley S. Robinson.*

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House, in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the *1st* Monday in *March* next, to answer <sup>an amended</sup> a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court, against *them* ————— by *John Colson, Asa Colson, David Colson, (who goes by his next friend John Colson, Bailey Shumate & Rebecca his wife & James F. Snellman & Rachael his wife.*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *26th* day of *January* 186*7*, in the *91st*.<sup>2</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

*A copy -* Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
*Lester -* Henry J. Morgan Clerk.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON, *Henry Colson, Mount Puryfield & Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Joel Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Joel Colson Jr, James L. Colson, Samuel Shumate & Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George S. Hawkins, James H. Orr, William D. Richmond Jr, David Orr, William R. Graham, Lehigh Humbler, John C. Harris, John H. Orr, Annan De Wren, David M. Orr, William Estlin, Alexander O. Calijah P. Bishop, John N. Wynn, Isaac L. Bishop, Chadwell Brittain, Isaac de K. Brent, Cavender S. Robinson and Henry F. Robinson* to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House, in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the *1st* Monday in *March* next, to answer <sup>an amended</sup> bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court, against *them* by *John Colson, Aaron Colson, David Colson, who sue by his next friend John Colson, Bailey Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and James F. Ouelian and Rachael his wife.*

And liave then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *21<sup>st</sup>* day of *January* 186*7*, in the *91<sup>st</sup>* year of the Commonwealth.

*a copy - Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
Lest Henry J. Morgan Clerk.*

# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Henry Colson, Mount Sunfield telling his wife,*  
*Thomas Colson, Noell Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Noell Colson & James*  
*H. Colson, Samuel Summate & Eliza Ann his wife, son Colson, Thomas Colson*  
*Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George A. Hoskins, James W.*  
*Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Orr, Champ Stambler, John*  
*Le Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alex-*  
*- der Orr, Elijah J. Bishop, John T. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Chadwell Britton,*  
*- Alexander H. Brent, Cavender A. Robinson & Hendley F. Robinson,*  
to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House,  
in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the *1st* Monday  
in *March* next, to answer <sup>*an amended*</sup> a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court,  
against *them*— by *John Colson, Irva Colson, David*  
*Colson (who sues by his next friend John Colson) Princy Summate*  
*& Rebecca his wife & James F. Snellon & Rachael his wife*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *26th* day of *January* 1867, in the *91st* year of the Commonwealth.

*Copy - Henry J. Morgan* Clerk.  
*Test - Henry J. Morgan* Clerk.



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING!

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON

*Henry Colson, Mount Pleasant & Mary his wife, Thomas & neom*  
*Boice Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Howell Colson Jr, James C. Colson,*  
*Samuel Shumate & Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson*  
*Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George N. Hawkins, James H. Ott, Marion D.*  
*Richmond, David Ott, William A. Graham, Lemuel F. Hamilton, John C. Hurre*  
*James P. Ott, Alexander Wynn, David M. Ott, William Elliott, Alexander Ott, E. J. Bishop,*  
*son of Wynn, Leazar T. Bishop, Chas. & Bentinck, Alexander H. Brent,*  
*Lawender, R. Robinson, & Bentley F. Robinson*  
 to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House,  
 in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the 1st. Monday  
 in March next, to answer <sup>and amended</sup> a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court,  
 against them ————— by *John Colson, Arva Colson,*  
*David Colson (sons & neom by his next fr. D John Colson, Bailey Shumate*  
*& Rebecca his wife, and James F. & Nellie & Rachael his wife.*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this 26th day of January 1867, in the 91st year of the Commonwealth.

A copy ~ Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
 Lester Henry J. Morgan Clerk

# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Henry J. Colson, Mount Tarry, said & Mary his wife,*  
*Thomas Colson, Alice Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Nell Colson,*  
*James C. Colson, Samuel Shumate & Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora*  
*Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George A. Watkins, James H. Orr, Marion D.*  
*Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, John P. Hume, John C. Harris,*  
*John P. Orr, Alexander Hynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Eliza*  
*J. Bishop, John A. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Chadwell Brittain, Alexander K. Brent*  
*Wavender S. Robinson & Hendley F. Robinson.*

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House,  
in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the 1st. Monday  
in *March* next, to answer <sup>an amended</sup> a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court,  
against *them*—

by *John Colson, Orva Colson,*  
*David Colson who sues by his next friend John Colson, Bailey*  
*Shumate & Rebecca his wife & James F. Snellan & Rachael his*  
*wife.*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said  
Court, at the Court House, this 26<sup>th</sup> day of January 1867, in the 9<sup>th</sup>  
year of the Commonwealth.

*A copy -* *Henry J. Morgan* — Clerk.  
*Test* *Henry J. Morgan* Clerk



# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Henry Colson, Mount Perryfield & Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Joel Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Joel Colson Jr, James L. Colson, Samuel Shumate & Eliza Ann his wife, J. G. Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George J. Huskins, James H. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Champ Hamblin, John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Hymn, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John A. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop, Chadwell Brittain, Alexander R. Brent, Cavender S. Robinson & Hendley S. Robinson*

to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House, in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the *1st* Monday in *March* next, to answer a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court, against *them* ———

by *John Colson, Arva Colson, David Colson (who sues by his next friend John Colson) Bailey & Shumate & Rebecca his wife, and James F. Snellman & Rachael his wife.*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said Court, at the Court House, this *26th* day of *January* 1867, in the *91st* year of the Commonwealth.

*I copy* Henry J. Morgan Clerk.  
*Test* Henry J. Morgan & c

# The Commonwealth of Virginia,

TO THE SHERIFF OF LEE COUNTY—GREETING:

WE COMMAND YOU TO SUMMON *Henry Colson, Mount Percyfield & Mary his wife,*  
*Thomas Colson, Howell Colson, David Colson, Jas. B. Colson, Howell Colson Jr*  
*James C. Colson, Samuel Shumate & Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson,*  
*Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hobbs, George A. Hoskins, James W. Orr*  
*Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Lehigh Hamblin*  
*John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott*  
*Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John A. Wynn, Isaac S. Bishop,*  
*Chadwell Smith, Alexander K. Bishop, Lavender M. Robinson & Handy F. Robinson,*  
to appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court for Lee county, at the Court House,  
in the Clerk's office, at Rules to be holden for the said Court, on the *1st* Monday  
in *March* next, to answer <sup>*an amended*</sup> a bill in Chancery exhibited in our said Court,  
against *them* ————— by *John Colson, Arva Colson,*  
*David Colson (who sues by his next friend John Colson) Bailey*  
*Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and James F. Sullin and*  
*Joseph*  
*Rebecca his wife.*

And have then there this writ. WITNESS, HENRY J. MORGAN, Clerk of our said  
Court, at the Court House, this *26th* day of *January* 1867, in the *91st*  
year of the Commonwealth.

*A copy, ~ Henry J. Morgan. Clerk.*  
*Teste ~ Henry J. Morgan Clerk.*





# VIRGINIA :

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TO WIT :

I do hereby certify that the annexed Notice has been published  
*ending March 15. 1867*  
four weeks successively in the "ABINGDON VIRGINIAN," a  
newspaper published in the town of Abingdon, Va. Given  
under my hand this *15th* day of *March* 186*7*

**VIRGINIA**—At Rules held in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of Lee County, on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1867: John Colson, Arva Colson, David Colson (who sues by his next friend, John Colson,) Bailey Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and Jas. F. Snellan and Rachel his wife, Plaintiffs,

AGAINST

Henry Colson, Mount Percyfield and Mary his wife, Thomas Colson, Noell Colson, David Colson, James B. Colson, Noell Colson, jr., James Colson, Samuel Shumate and Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Timothy Hight, George H. Harkins, James W. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr, William R. Graham, Champ Hamblen, John C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn, David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John N. Wynn, Isaac T. Bishop, Chadwell Britain, Alexander K. Brent, Covender N. Robinson and Hendley F. Robinson, Defendants.

## IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a Decree of the Court pronouncing a certain Deed in the Bill, and amended Bill mentioned null and void and to have a settlement of the account of James B. and William E. Colson, Administrators of John Colson, dec'd; and likewise a settlement of the administration account of James W. Orr, Administrator of said William E. Colson, dec'd; and also for an equitable distribution, among the parties, of the proceeds of the said estates, having reference to advancements made to some of the parties by John Colson, dec'd, in his lifetime: And it appearing from evidence filed, that Mary Percyfield, Mount Percyfield, Thomas Colson, David Colson, James Colson and Hendley F. Robinson, are non-residents of this Commonwealth, they are therefore ordered to appear here within one month after due publication of this order, and do what is necessary to protect their interests in this suit.

Teste, HENRY J. MORGAN, Ck.

Feb. 22, 1867—4w

*Geo. W. Barr,*  
*Jr. Ed. "Virginian."*



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# VIRGINIA:

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TO WIT:

I do hereby certify that the annexed Notice has been published  
four weeks successively, ending *April 12<sup>th</sup>* 1867,  
in the "ABINGDON VIRGINIAN," a newspaper published in the  
town of Abingdon, Va. Given under my hand this *17<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *April*, 1867.

*Geo. R. Barr,*  
*Jr. Ed. "Virginian".*

**VIRGINIA** At Rules held in the Clerk's  
office of the Circuit Court of Lee county,  
on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1867:  
John Colson, Arva Colson, David Colson (who  
sues by his next friend, John Colson, (Bu-  
ley Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and Jas.  
F. Suelian and Rachel his wife, Plaintiffs,

AGAINST

Henry Colson, Mount Pureyfield and Mary  
his wife, Thomas Colson, Noell Colson, Da-  
vid Colson, James B. Colson, Noell Colson,  
jr., James Colson, Samuel Shumate and  
Eliza Ann his wife, J. b Colson, Thomas  
Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Ti-  
mothy Hobbs, Georg H. Hoskins, James  
W. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr,  
William R. Graham, Champ Humblen, Jno.  
C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn,  
David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander  
Orr, Eajah S. Bishop, John N. Wynn,  
Isaac T. Bishop, Chadwell Britain, Alexan-  
der K. Bent, Covender N. Robinson and  
Hendley F. Robinson, Defendants.

IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a Decree  
of the Court pronouncing a certain Decd in  
the Bill, and amended Bill mentioned null  
and void, and to have a settlement of the ac-  
count of James B. and William E. Colson, Ad-  
ministrators of John Colson, dec'd; and like-  
wise a settlement of the administration ac-  
count of James W. Orr, Administrator of said  
William E. Colson, dec'd; and also for an  
equitable distribution among the parties, of  
the proceeds of the said estates, having refer-  
ence to advancements made to some of the  
parties by John Colson, dec'd, in his lifetime:  
And it appearing from evidence filed, that  
Mary Pureyfield, Mount Pureyfield, Thomas  
Colson, Noell Colson, David Colson, James  
Colson and Hendley F. Robinson, are non-  
residents of this Commonwealth, they are  
therefore ordered to appear here within one  
month after due publication of this order, and  
do what is necessary to protect their interests  
in this suit. Teste.

HENRY J. MORGAN, Clk.

March 22, 1867—4w





## VIRGINIA:

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TO WIT:

I do hereby certify that the annexed Notice has been published  
four weeks successively, ending *April 12<sup>th</sup>*, 1867,  
in the "ABINGDON VIRGINIAN," a newspaper published in the  
town of Abingdon, Va. Given under my hand this *13<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *April*, 1867.

*Geo. W. Barr,*  
*Jr. Ed "Virginian"*

**VIRGINIA**—At Rules held in the Clerk's  
office of the Circuit Court of Lee county,  
on Monday, the 4th day of February, 1867:  
John Colson, Arva Colson, David Colson (who  
sues by his next friend, John Colson, (Bu-  
ley Shumate and Rebecca his wife, and Jas.  
F. Snelan and Rachel his wife, Plaintiffs,  
AGAINST

Henry Colson, Mount Pureyfield and Mary  
his wife, Thomas Colson, Noell Colson, Da-  
vid Colson, James B. Colson, Noell Colson,  
jr., James Colson, Samuel Shumate and  
Eliza Ann his wife, Job Colson, Thomas  
Colson, Flora Colson, Elizabeth Colson, Ti-  
mothy Hobbs, George H. Hoskins, James  
W. Orr, Marion D. Richmond, David Orr,  
William R. Graham, Champ Hamblen, Jno.  
C. Harris, John P. Orr, Alexander Wynn,  
David M. Orr, William Elliott, Alexander  
Orr, Elijah S. Bishop, John N. Wynn,  
Isaac T. Bishop, Chadwell Britain, Alexan-  
der K. Brent, Covender N. Robinson and  
Hendey F. Robinson. Defendants.

### IN CHANCERY.

The object of this suit is to obtain a Decree  
of the Court pronouncing a certain Decd in  
the Bill, and amended Bill mentioned null  
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count of James B. and William E. Colson, Ad-  
ministrators of John Colson, dec'd; and like-  
wise a settlement of the administration ac-  
count of James W. Orr, Administrator of said  
William E. Colson, dec'd; and also for an  
equitable distribution among the parties, of  
the proceeds of the said estates, having refer-  
ence to advancements made to some of the  
parties by John Colson, dec'd, in his lifetime:  
And it appearing from evidence filed, that  
Mary Pureyfield, Mount Pureyfield, Thomas  
Colson, Noell Colson, David Colson, James  
Colson and Hendley F. Robinson, are non-  
residents of this Commonwealth, they are  
therefore ordered to appear here within one  
month after due publication of this order, and  
do what is necessary to protect their interests  
in this suit. Te-te.

HENRY J. MORGAN, Ck.

March 22, 1867—4w



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## VIRGINIA :

WASHINGTON COUNTY, TO WIT :

I do hereby certify that the annexed Notice has been published  
*four weeks successively, ending 29<sup>th</sup> March* 1867,  
in the "ABINGDON VIRGINIAN," a newspaper published in the  
town of Abingdon, Va. Given under my hand this *29<sup>th</sup>*  
day of *March*, 1867.

*Geo. W. Barr*  
*Jr Eds "Virginian"*

*Mary Percifield, Mount Percifield, Thomas  
Colson, Noel Colson, David Colson, and Jas.  
Colson,*

TAKE notice that, on the 18th day of  
April, 1867, at the house of Peggy  
Ely, in Lee county, in the State of Virgi-  
nia, we will take the depositions of Wil-  
liam Martin and others, to be read as evi-  
dence on behalf of the complainants in the  
trial of the suit in chancery, in the Lee  
Circuit Court, in which we are complain-  
ants, and you and others, are defendants;  
and take notice that, if from any cause we  
should be unable to finish taking all of said  
depositions on that day, the taking thereof  
will be adjourned and continued from day  
to day, and from time to time, and from  
place to place, until all are taken. Feb-  
ruary 18th, 1867..

Yours respectfully.

JOHN COLSON,  
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AND 1801  
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ALBANY, N. Y.

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